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# Five retail stores caught selling liquor to minors

## »3 cashiers arrested, 2 business licenses suspended

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Five commercial establishments were caught selling liquor to minors—a violation of the CNMI statute—resulting in the arrest of three cashiers and the suspension of the licenses of two stores last month.

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**Overall winner Jenequa Benavente receives the plaque from NMI Council for the Humanities chair Charles P. Reyes Jr. and Dr. Dirk HR Spennemann during the awarding Wednesday at the Museum of History and Culture. The Marianas High School student was the recipient of both the Best Overall Image Award and the Public's Choice Award.**

The Best Overall Image, titled "Island Spirit" by Jenequa Benavente.

# MHS student sweeps photo competition

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A Marianas High School student swept the major awards in the "My Place in the CNMI" digital photo contest, including the Best Overall Image Award and Public Choice Award given Wednesday night in a ceremony held at the NMI Museum of History and Culture.

Jenequa Benavente emerged as the big winner in the competition that was organized by the NMI Council for the Humanities in collaboration with the Museum of History and Culture.

Benavente's powerful image depicting the island tradition got the approving nod of all judges and was selected as the overall image for the competition.

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The Public's Choice Award, "Me Underwater" by Jenequa Benavente.

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# Local

## Across-the-board cut in work hours in final bill

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House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon S. Basa (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that his final austerity bill calling for an eight-hour across-the-board cut in government work pay for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 is ready to be recommended to the full House of Representatives for passage.

Basa's House Bill 17-22, HD 1 was finalized yesterday in light of the Fitial administration's revised Fiscal Year 2010 projected revenue of $137 million, from $150 million last year.

The austerity bill does not exempt the Public School System and the Northern Marianas College from the work hour reduction and unpaid legal holidays.

It, however, grants authority to the PSS commissioner and NMC president to extend the school year to ensure that public schools met federally determined education mandates.

House Floor Leader George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan) separately said a session "may" be held Tuesday.

Under Basa's bill, the government's normal pay period will be reduced from 80 to 72 hours per two weeks.

The "every other Friday" shutdown of government offices is expected to save the CNMI government millions of dollars in both personnel and operational costs, and equitably reduce government employee work hours.

The reduced work hours apply to "all full-time government employees, including employees of autonomous agencies and municipal entities, and employees funded by federal grants, indirect cost funds, or any federal funding course, unless expressly exempted."

### Exemptions

The eight-page bill exempts only those in "immediate health and safety positions" such as doctors, nurses and police officers.

Constitutionally protected salaries such as those of the governor, lieutenant governor, lawmakers, judges and justices are "encouraged" to waive 10 percent of their salaries, which is equivalent to eight hours per pay period.

"Any portion of a salary waived under this subsection shall remain in the general fund," the bill states.

Basa's bill, however, gives the governor the authority to provide specific exemptions involving federal programs, contracts and grants.

The exemption is to be made only if it "prejudices continued receipt of federal monies."

Further, should the governor consider a need for any further exemptions not consistent with the "emergency positions" exception, one may be given "only with joint consent of both houses of the Legislature."

"Joint consent shall be granted by a majority vote of both houses through passage of a joint resolution," the bill states.

The measure is not expected to alter the hourly rate of affected employees.

All employment contracts entered into by any government agency covered by this Act are required to contain this provision: "Work reduction, shutdown, furlough, or other fiscal austerity measures: The terms of this contract shall be superseded by any legislation enacted to reduce government payroll obligations by way of work hour reduction, government shutdown, furlough, or other measures adopted for the express purpose of fiscal austerity." The parties to this contract agree that the hiring authority shall not be liable for any deductions in pay of benefits due to such legislation."

In the event that the pay period is restored to a full 80 hours, the contracts of contract government employees shall be renegotiated accordingly, the bill states.

### Hiring, travel freeze

Except for "emergency positions," all hiring will be frozen during the duration of the austerity bill, to include filling vacant positions not included under an "emergency positions" exception.

Under the bill, only travel for immediate health and safety related reasons are permitted.

All other training, meetings or travel for any other purpose shall be disallowed during the period that government austerity holidays remain in effect.

Exempt from this provision are official travels by the governor and the lieutenant governor.

The Finance secretary is also required to report any savings realized as a result of this Act.

But lawmakers are now racing against time to have the austerity bill passed and signed into law because as Basa said, the longer action is delayed, the lesser it becomes effective in helping to save government fund.

The bill lists 10 government "austerity Fridays" or days when government offices are to be shut down temporarily until the end of FY 2010.

But the first "austerity Friday" listed is today, March 5, so this is automatically deleted from the list.

The other dates are: April 16, April 30, May 14, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, and Sept. 3.

The "unpaid legal holidays" in FY 2010 are Covenant Day (March 24), Good Friday (April 2), Memorial Day (May 31), Independence/Liberation Day (July 4), and Labor Day (Sept. 6).

The Fitial administration is waiting for the House Ways and Means Committee's final bill before revising the budget authority for the last two quarters of FY 2010.

In the first quarter of FY 2010 alone, government spending already exceeded revenue by over $13 million, higher than the Fitial administration's projection in late December 2009 of $11.5 million.

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# Govt employees not completing required work hours

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Many government employees have not been completing the required work hours each pay period as indicated in their employment contract, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said as he warned of sanctions not only for non-compliant employees but also for timekeepers and the heads of Executive Branch departments and agencies.

Instead of completing the required work hours per pay period, employees are applying for annual leave "to make up for hours not worked and approving authorities are approving them."

"This is not allowed and certainly not tolerated," Fitial said in a Feb. 3 directive to all Executive Branch departments, agencies and timekeepers.

This comes at a time when the Fitial administration and lawmakers are scrambling to reduce government spending in light of the revised Fiscal Year 2010 projected revenue of $137 million from $150 million.

One of the austerity measures being looked at is reducing employees' 80-hour work by eight hours each pay period and by implementing unpaid legal holidays until the end of the current fiscal year.

The governor said employees do not have the discretionary authority to dictate which eight hours of the day they will work or to use their lunch hour to make up for lost time.

Government operation hours are from 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. This translates to eight hours per day, excluding a one-hour lunch break, for 80 work hours per pay period.

"Any further reports I receive from departments and agencies that are following this unapproved policy in contradiction to regulations set forth will result in sanctions for the employee, the timekeeper, and the department/agency head alike," the governor said.

Sid Seman, acting director of the Office of Personnel Management, said yesterday that agencies and departments have always sought OPM's advice on issues such as attendance.

"And OPM is always there for all departments and agencies, to help with issues such as minimizing attendance problem. It would be up to the department head to terminate an employee but they have to notify us about it," Seman said in a phone interview.

He said he has yet to come across any personnel action such as termination, after Fitial issued his directive.

Fitial directed supervisors, directors, secretaries and timekeepers to review personnel regulations o re-educate themselves on proper approval and usage of annual leave hours.

Pursuant to the CNMI Personnel Regulations, annual leave must be applied for in advance and must be approved by the appropriate approving authority before any employee avails of their accrued leave hours.

# Police fail to locate suspect in assault on jobless man

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Police could not find the man who reportedly assaulted a jobless man in Kagman on Monday. The victim has been declared brain dead.

A source at the Department of Public Safety disclosed yesterday that detectives failed to locate the suspect, identified as 22-year-old Shane Hocog.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said that as of yesterday, the suspect has not been arrested yet.

Tarkong would neither confirm nor deny that the suspect has been identified as Shane Hocog.

As of yesterday—three days after the assault on Larry Gonzales—DPS has yet to release information about the assault incident to the media.

Tarkong said the Criminal Investigation Bureau is expected to release details about the case by tomorrow, Friday.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the suspect punched Gonzales as he was talking with his girlfriend in front of Kagman High School Monday afternoon.

Gonzales fell and hit his head on the pavement. The suspect allegedly repeatedly kicked him, then fled.

The suspect was said to be former boyfriend of Gonzales' teenaged girlfriend.

Gonzales, a Filipino, is hooked to a life support machine in the intensive care unit of the Commonwealth Health Center.

Gonzales' friends said a doctor had informed them that the victim was brain dead due to massive internal head injuries.

Miriam Buatis, one of Gonzales' friends, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she went to CHC and learned that the victim's condition has worsened.

Buatis said she had talked on the phone with the victim's family members, who expressed their wish to see Gonzales while he is still on life support.

A police officer said airlines do not transport a victim who is on life support.

Gonzales, single, used to work as delivery man at the defunct Aqualite Water Company. He is a native of Mindoro. Philippines.

Buatis and United Filipino Organization president Olive Yana are urging the community to make financial donations to repatriate Gonzales. Buatis can be contacted at 287-0227 and 235-1225, while Yana can be reached at 285-7893 or at 234-6529.

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## MHS

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Spectators and viewers in the exhibit opening were also accorded the chance to vote for the best photograph among all entries and Benavente's self-portrait of herself underwater got the Public Choice Award.

**CLOSEUP GOES TO WASHINGTON** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-MP) hosted CloseUp students from Rota, Saipan, and Tinian, along with their teacher-chaperones, at the Northern Mariana Islands Congressional office yesterday. CloseUp brings high school students to Washington, D.C., to learn about their nation's government and meet lawmakers and other Federal officials. This year Congress is supporting CloseUp in the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands with approximately $1,000,000 in funding. The students had lunch with Sablan and then toured the U.S. Capitol building with the congressman's staff. Later this week they travel to New York City before returning home to the Mariana Islands.

One of Benavente's artwork was also named first place winner in the competition's family category.

Her works, along with the other winning entries in all categories, are now on display at the museum until April 7.

There were 12 high school students from various public and private schools who joined the contest's eight categories: art, self, self-image, family, village, island future, and CNMI.

Prior to the competition proper, a special two-day photo workshop was conducted on three islands by exhibit curator Dr. Dirk HR Spennemann from Charles Sturt University.

According to Scott Russell, NMI Council for the Humanities executive director, the workshop aimed to provide high school students an overview on what a community photograph is and guide them on how to compose powerful images.

Spennemann conducted the workshops on Rota on Feb. 10 and 18; Tinian on Feb. 16 and 22; and on Saipan, Feb. 15 and 20. A total of 24 students participated in these workshops.

Saipan had 11 student participants in the competition and one student from Tinian. They were also allowed to enter numerous artworks in all categories.

Russell said it is the project's objective to enable students to document their environment and use the medium to create a vision for their future.

### 'Other winners'

Besides the plaque for overall best image, gift certificates were also provided to the winners.

In the art category, the first place winner was Kai Staal of Saipan International School; second place was Rozette Bunao of Marianas High School; and third place was Richard Matsuyama of MHS.

In the self category, the top honor went to Ray Lizama of Saipan Southern High School; second place went to Jenequa Benavente of MHS; and third place, Rozette Bunao of MHS.

SIS' Staal was also the first prize winner in the self-image category, followed by MHS' Bunao and SSHS' Lizama.

Benavente emerged first place winner in the family category while SSHS' Allison Madamba and Tinian High School's Wayneylynn Lizama placed second and third place respectively.

In the island category, the top three winners were SSHS' Lizama, Mount Carmel School's Naomi Nosek, and SIS' Staal.

MHS' Matsuyama emerged top winner in the village category with runner-ups THS's Lizama and SIS' Staal.

In the future category, top winners were MHS' Matsuyama, SIS' Emma McCollough-Stearns, and MCS' Armalene Cabreros.

In the CNMI category, the top winners were MCS' Nosek, MHS' Matsuyama, and SIS' Staal.

Prizes for the winning entries were awarded by NMI Council for the Humanities board chair Charles P. Reyes Jr., Museum director Robert Hunter, and exhibit curator Dr. Spennemann.

## STORES

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The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Task Force, comprising five agencies, reported that the stores found in violation were Yu Ling Store in Chalan Kiya, Star Store in Chalan Piao, and three stores in Garapan: Fresh Up Market, New Chang Ming Market, and QQ Store.

The Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco Control Division issued citations against the establishments for violating 4CMC 5, Chapter, 5559(a).

The task force operation last month was the second conducted by the group. In its initial compliance checks operation on Dec. 28 last year, 14 stores were inspected.

Last month, 20 stores were visited and inspected by task force members that include the Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Youth Services, and Criminal Justice Planning Agency.

The operation was also a joint effort with agencies under the new EUDL grant program from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The program aims to help combat, prevent, and reduce underage drinking in the CNMI.

"We were hoping to find zero violations during this operation, but unfortunately we found non-compliant stores. This is the reason why the EUDL Task Force needs to continue its efforts not only on enforcement, but also through public education and awareness campaigns," said police officer Nick Leon Guerrero.

He said minors consuming alcohol continues to be a major problem in the CNMI, and easy access to alcohol by minors must also be addressed.

"While the situation is unfortunate for the business establishments who failed the compliance checks, it is quite disturbing to see the number of retail stores cited with regards to selling alcohol to minors. It is a serious matter and we will correct and resolve this problem," said David R. Maratita, ABTC director.

The ABTC Division is offering training that is specifically tailored for licensees and employees to enforce responsible alcohol sales and services. This training is free, and merchant retailers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. To make an appointment for this training, the public is encouraged to contact Officer Joseph A. Reyes at 664-3065.

All violations of underage drinking laws will be prosecuted through the Attorney General's Office while the ABTC will handle the administrative proceedings against the licensees.

The Task Force recognized the following stores for their compliance with the law: New Fresh Market; Alpha Market; Cery Store; J's Store; Elijah Store; Hong Kong Store; L & Q Store; Seaside Mart; Dasom Market; Chacha Market; Y.M. Market; JD Store II; XO Market; Martha's Retail Store; Ochie's Store; and New Times Store.

## NURSES

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2008 but the problem has gotten worse in recent months.

"It's hard for all of us. We have families, we have needs, and we've worked hard but we're not being paid on time," one of the nurses told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview yesterday afternoon.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed on Tuesday a Rota local bill appropriating $133,000 in license fees collected from poker and pachinko slot machines on Rota to go toward medical and educational needs of the island and its residents, and some $34,500 is expected to go toward paying for the Rota nurses' salaries.

While the nurses are thankful for the relief in sight provided by Inos' signing of Rota Local Law 17-1, they fear not being able to receive their wages on time again when payments for previous pay periods are received.

The nurse interviewed, representing 12 personnel, requested anonymity, fearing retaliation from SEAS or the Rota Health Center for speaking with the media about the chronic delay in the payment of wages.

Despite the non-payment of their salaries, these 10 nurses, one laboratory technician and one pharmacist have continued working at the Rota Health Center.

"We will not abandon our jobs. We have responsibilities to our patients, but we hope that those who are responsible for our wages will recognize their responsibilities," she added.

Crispin Ayuyu, resident director of the Rota Health Center, separately confirmed the wage delays but said the municipal government is readying "close to $35,000" in payment to SEAS.

The amount includes payment for overtime work for the three pay periods. Each pay period costs $11,500 or more, depending on overtime pay.

"Our main concern is to have them paid for the three pay periods. We are doing our best to make that happen. I communicated that to the nurses today," Ayuyu said in a separate interview.

The three delayed wages cover the pay periods from Jan. 3 to 16, Jan. 17 to 30, and Jan. 31 to Feb. 13. Nurses were told they will receive their wages for these three previous pay periods next week. However, it's not known yet whether they will be paid on time for work performed from Feb. 14 to Feb. 27, and onwards.

SEAS manager Henry Cruz did not return a call for comment. An accountant at the employment agency said only Cruz could issue any statement about the salaries of nurses.

Rota Local Law 17-1, signed Tuesday, is the first local law passed by the 17th Legislature.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), the bill's author, said yesterday that she's "very pleased that the acting governor" signed her local bill into law.

Santos offered the local bill on Jan. 28, 2010. The Rota Legislative Delegation passed the local bill on first and final reading on Feb. 16.

## GIRL

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Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that the girl had scratches in the hands, legs, and chin.

Tarkong said bruises were also visible on the child's neck, consistent with her claim that the suspect choked her.

Tarkong said a doctor at the Commonwealth Health Center examined the girl and found no physical signs of sexual contact.

Tarkong said police were able to identify the suspect and that he is now being searched.

Police withheld the name of the suspect but described him as a 34- to 35-year-old local male, 5'6" to 5'9" tall, and was last seen wearing a pair of dark shorts and a dark shirt.

Police responded to a call of a missing 5-year-old girl in Kagman III on Tuesday at 9:30pm.

Police learned that the victim's father and his common-law wife had gone to the Rio II Poker & Laundry with their children—the 5-year-old girl and a 10-year-old son—at 7pm to do their laundry.

Between 9pm to 9:15pm, as the parents were loading their laundry baskets into their car, the victim was playing on a plastic toy horse inside the laundry facility. The older brother was watching his sister.

After loading their laundry, the mother walked into Kevin's Video. A few minutes later, she came out of the video shop and saw her son, but was unable to find her daughter.

After failing to find her, the parents placed a call to 911 to report the incident.

Police, family members, and witnesses assisted in the search. About 30 minutes later, the girl was discovered when witnesses heard the child screaming from inside the tall saw grass west of the laundry facility.

Witnesses and family members found the girl, who was crying hysterically. An ambulance transported the victim to CHC for treatment.

Tarkong said police investigation showed that the suspect kidnapped the girl from the rear of the Laundromat.

Tarkong said that, according to the victim, the suspect lured her to the back by offering her money.

Once in the back, the suspect grabbed the victim, picked her up and took her toward the boonie area to an abandoned house. The suspect choked the girl on the neck to prevent her from escaping.

The suspect walked into the house and came out with what the girl described as an axe and a knife.

Tarkong said the girl managed to escape and ran away screaming until witnesses and family members saw her.

"Based on their preliminary investigation, police identified a suspect that matched the description," Tarkong said.

# Ex-CPA chairman pleads not guilty

Former Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Rex I. Palacios pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that he stole $2,888.13 from CPA.

During arraignment, Palacios appeared with counsel, assistant public defender Douglas Hartig.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo set a status conference for April 22, 2010.

The Office of the Attorney General has charged the 57-year-old Palacios with theft by unlawful taking or disposition, theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received, and misconduct in public office.

Palacios

Assistant attorney general Joseph J. Przyuski filed the charging information in the Superior Court on Dec. 28, 2009.

Przyuski stated in the information that on or between April 24, 2008 and Oct. 9, 2009, Palacios unlawfully retained $2,888.13 that was advanced to him by the CPA in the form of a check.

The check, Przyuski said, was for travel per diem, ground transportation and tuition advancement for official travel, but that Palacios failed to complete the official travel. The prosecutor alleged that Palacios failed to return the money. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# NMC board OKs $9.9 million budget plan for next fiscal year

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The Board of Regents approved yesterday the college's proposed $9.9 million budget for the next fiscal year. The spending plan includes the establishment of a U.S. Apprenticeship Program, which has never been realized since the enactment of a law that created it in the 15th Legislature.

The budget plan will now be submitted to the Executive Branch for inclusion in the FY 2011 budget proposal.

Of the proposed amount, roughly $5.7 million is allotted for personnel and "all other" expenditures, while $1.2 million is being eyed to fund NMC's vocational education program.

NMC has two funding sources. It uses the tuition it generates from students for its operational expenses. It projects to collect $3.1 million in FY 2011.

The local appropriation, provided by the central government, covers the salaries of personnel and other expenses such as utilities.

Fiscal Legislative Committee chair Frank Rabauliman recommended the adoption of the new budget proposal in yesterday's special meeting.

NMC currently operates under the continuing budget ceiling of $4.9 million. The proposed $5.6 million translates to a $700,000 increase. Rabauliman said the increase will be used to pay for projected utilities cost next fiscal year.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the college expects to spend $4.9 million on personnel salaries and fringe benefits. The proposed increase would also cover the hiring of three additional personnel.

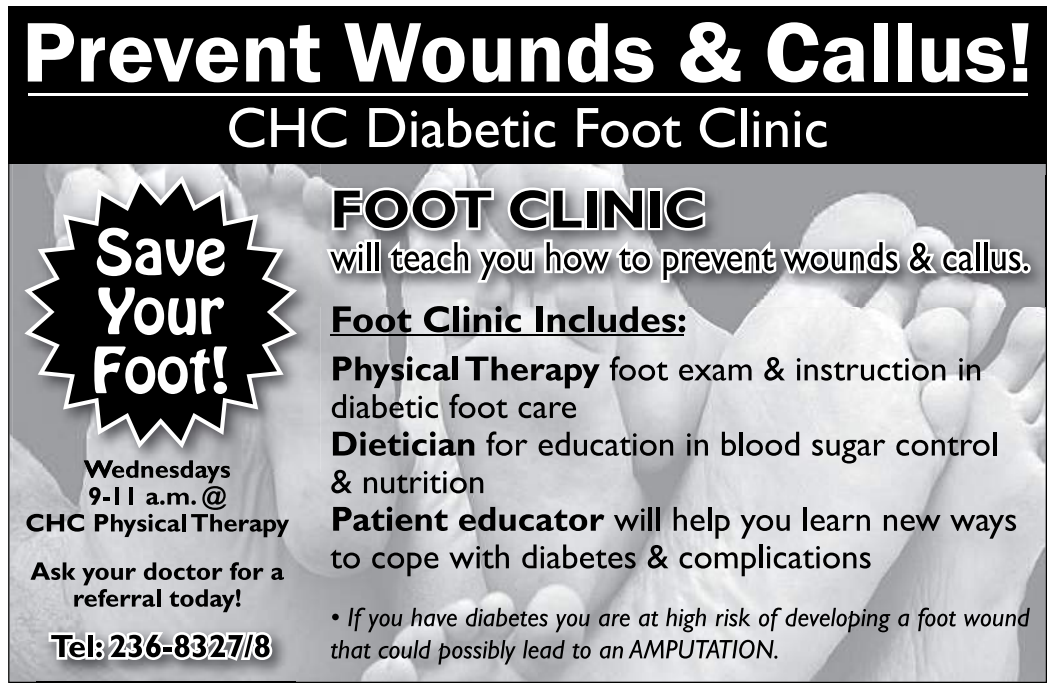
In the current budget of $4.9 million, about $350,000 is being spent for personnel cost, Rabauliman said.

As of early this year, the college had a total workforce of 182, with 76 faculty members and 106 staffers.

It was learned that about half of the departments did not ask for a budget increase, resulting in the same budget allocation as the current fiscal year.

According to acting interim president Dr. Patrick Moran, the preparation of the budget involved a thorough and exhaustive review of the college's financial needs.

"The budget that has been presented to the board represents the minimum that the college needs to ensure we continue fulfilling our constitutional mandate to help improve the quality of life for everyone in the CNMI," Dr. Moran added.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# Ex-convict pleads guilty to attacking ma-in-law with knife

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REPORTER

Melvin N. Basa, a convicted robber who was ordered by the federal court last week to spend 29 months in prison for violating his probation, entered a guilty plea yesterday in connection with another case.

Basa and counsel, assistant public defender Richard Miller, agreed to plead guilty to criminal trespass and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo accepted Basa's guilty plea and sentenced him to 29 months in prison, to be served concurrently with the 29-month prison term imposed by the federal court.

Govendo said Basa will be placed on five years probation after completing his prison term. If he commits another domestic violence case when he gets out of prison, Govendo said the court will re-impose his five-year sentence minus 29 months.

Govendo ordered Basa to serve 100 hours of community service and had him undergo anger management counseling prior to expiration of his probation.

At yesterday's hearing, Basa apologized to his wife, his in-laws, and to the court for his crimes.

"I'll always love you guys. I'm sorry," he said.

Basa's mother-in-law asked the court to reconsider the 29-month prison term as she finds the sentence very lenient.

"I still cannot understand why you're giving him a lenient sentence of 29 months. It's not his first time!" the mother-in-law said.

She told Govendo that Basa pointed a knife at her and her husband. She said giving Basa a lenient sentence because he was drunk is not acceptable.

When Govendo asked how Basa is when he is not under drunk, she said: "He is a very nice person when he is not drunk."

Govendo explained that if the defendant does it again, he would undergo five years minus 29 months in prison, plus no parole.

The judge set a review hearing for June 14, 2010.

On Nov. 30. 2009, police arrested Basa for reportedly attacking the parents of his wife with a knife at their residence in As Lito. Prior to the attack, Basa, who was drunk, had an argument with his wife.

Basa allegedly tried to stab his mother-in-law with a knife, but his father-in-law pushed him away. As Basa and his father-in-law struggled, both fell to the floor.

The father-in-law managed to free himself and enter the house. Basa started stabbing the house's door with the knife. The defendant damaged the window's screen as he tried to force himself in.

Basa later fled with another ex-convict.

The incident prompted the U.S. Probation Office to recommend the revocation of Basa's probation.

In the U.S. Probation's report, the mother-in-law narrated how the attack started. She believes that Basa has "turned into a monster." The mother-in-law said she saw the "look of evil" in Basa's eyes.

Last Feb. 26, the federal court revoked the supervised release of Basa and ordered him to spend 29 months in prison.

U.S. District Court for the NMI then Chief Judge Alex Munson required Basa to participate in a substance abuse and anger management programs as well as 500 hours of drug treatment.

In February 2000, the federal court sentenced Basa to 102 months in prison for robbery. His probation was modified several times for not complying with conditions and in May 2008, the court sentenced him to seven months for this.

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# Alleged timecard alteration at bus dep't being probed

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REPORTER

The Public School System said it is now looking into allegations of document tampering and harassment in the workplace at its transportation department.

Bus team leader Steven M. Pangelinan confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday the ongoing probe on his department as a result of a complaint filed by a subordinate.

Pangelinan, who has been with PSS for eight years now, was the subject of a complaint filed in January by special education bus driver Norman C. Villagomez, who accused Pangelinan of altering his timecard on many occasions.

Villagomez alleged that his supervisor altered his timecard without his consent, resulting in him not getting paid for actual hours worked.

He believes this is a violation of the system's policy but when he asked Pangelinan about this, Villagomez said his supervisor merely responded that he is just following the PSS handbook, which authorizes him as a supervisor to do so.

The driver also accused Pangelinan of harassment in the workplace, alleging that his supervisor was holding a steep pipe during their argument.

When asked about the allegations yesterday, Pangelinan said: "In my opinion, the best way to approach this is to talk to employees in the department. Mr. Villagomez is just one of the employees of the bus department and we have 35 other employees performing the same duties."

Pangelinan declined to comment further because of the ongoing investigation. He said the case has been referred to the PSS Human Resource Office since Villagomez filed his complaint on Jan. 5. Pangelinan, who has been the bus team leader for five years now, is presently on medical leave.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Villagomez filed his complaint and request for investigation with the Commissioner's Office and the Board of Education in January.

As of today, the driver said the commissioner and the board has yet to act on the issue.

BOE chairwoman Lucy Blanco-Maratita, in a statement yesterday, said: "The commissioner and HRO are addressing his concerns and a meeting is set for next week to discuss and finalize findings from the investigation recently completed."

In his letter to BOE chair Lucy Blanco-Maratita on Tuesday, Villagomez said that altering his timecard because he was not able to clock out for lunch is "unfair."

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**CPA may get bond rating with fees hike**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is expecting to get a bond rating anytime now with the recent announcement in the raising of airport and seaport fees and charges as well as huge reduction in operating expenses, according to Roman Tudela, finance committee chairman. Although the new airport fees and charges will still take effect on March 1, 2000, the corresponding 10 percent cut in salary expenditures will cover the debt service for the airport bond. A bond rating would enhance the credibility of the ports authority in the financial community. It would also prevent the current interest rate of 6.25 percent from jumping to 6.70 percent.

**Senators agree to give CIP bill more study**

The Senate called off a scheduled session yesterday following an agreement to further deliberate on pending legislation, including an urgent bill appropriating close to $23 million in capital improvement projects and a legislative initiative seeking a referendum on a five-year stay limit for foreign workers in the CNMI. The session is expected to resume on March 16, according to Senate President Paul A. Manglona. Legislative delegation from Rota and Tinian have been reviewing a revised plan on a House measure that sets in motion a massive infrastructure development on the island aimed at stirring the sluggish economy.

### March 5, 2001

**Fast-tracked review of tax amnesty bill eyed**

The House of Representatives on Friday transferred to the Committee on Ways and Means the review of a proposed measure that would give delinquent taxpayers a 90-day relief on the filing of their derelict returns. House Bill 12-345 gives remiss taxpayers the opportunity to pay their liabilities to the CNMI government without penalties within 90 days. The bill's proponent, Floor Leader Oscar M. Babauta, said transfer of the proposed measure's review from the Judiciary and Governmental Operations to the Committee on Ways and Means would facilitate its prompt passage. Mr. Babauta said the proposed measure has bright potentials to refill the government's depleting coffers because it would encourage delinquent taxpayers to come out and settle their overdue obligations to the Commonwealth.

**OPA to audit CUC finances**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation will open its financial records, losses and revenue reports, and books on expenditures in the next two weeks as the Office of the Public Auditor begin its audit investigation. This is in preparation for the inquiry scheduled by the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication on March 18 to take a closer look at CUC's fiduciary responsibilities. Committee chair Rep. Rosiky Camacho disclosed the scheduled OPA evaluation and eventual recommendations should help CUC re-focus its efforts in order to improve its fiscal management. Legislators will also look deeper into whether or not CUC implemented a financial recovery plan, a condition set in a 1994 agreement it reached with the Office of the Insular Affairs.

### March 5, 2002

**NMI construction sector in 5-year low**

After contributing almost $100 million in total funds circulating around the CNMI economy five years ago, the Northern Marianas construction sector suffered a record five-year low, falling below the $15 million-mark by end-December 2001. Officials attribute the decline to the staggering number of new investors in the CNMI and the approach taken by existing businesses, which have decided to forego expansion due to weakening consumer confidence amid the recession. Construction activities on the island amounted to only $14.1 million, which translate to 244 building permits issued by the Department of Public Works' Safety Code Division, last year.

**Alarm sounded on Web drug peddling**

Drug peddlers have used cyber technology, and there is at least 1,000 Web sites dedicated to illegal drug trade. The Philippine Consulate on Saipan echoed the need to curb the rising number of drug abuse internationally due to the proliferation of drug trade online. "The increase in global drug abuse can be traced directly to the misuse of the Internet," according to a statement released by the Philippine Consulate yesterday. "This was the gist of an annual report issued by the International Narcotics Control Board during the Asian launch of its 2001 Annual Report last February 26, 2002 in Manila."

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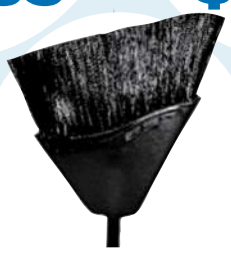

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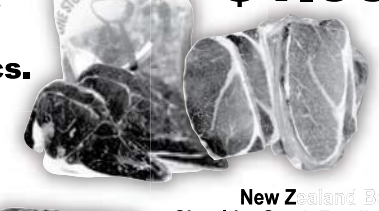

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## EDITORIAL

## Fight compassion fatigue to help Chile

Once again, a powerful earthquake rumbles through a faraway country, crumbling buildings and roadways and killing hundreds of people. The magnitude 8.8 temblor that hit Chile was many times more powerful than the quake that rocked Haiti six weeks ago, though the devastation is expected to be less.

In addition to the all-too-familiar scenes—people trapped under mangled buildings, cries for help, the need for basic necessities, even looting for food and water—there is one added danger to overcome in Chile: compassion fatigue.

Around the world, many of the same individuals and organizations who rushed to Haiti in January now must load up their stuff another time and hurry to help another country clamoring for assistance

Usually, two earthquakes of such strength might occur once every 10 years or longer. But the fact that the seismic event in Haiti was followed so quickly by one in Chile does not diminish the need for money and supplies in both locales.

Earthquakes don't follow a schedule. These two major temblors arrived about six weeks apart.

Individuals who work bravely and compassionately in international relief must be exhausted. Doctors, nurses and builders programmed to drop everything and fly to quake-ravaged regions must be seeking normalcy. But that will have to wait.

The good news is Chile is different from Haiti. Its building codes are stronger and its government is better prepared to handle a quake and its aftershocks. Even so, some buildings supposed to endure in a large quake failed. A 15-story apartment in Concepcion collapsed and crumbled.

The looting speaks to the human desperation. We all need to soldier on past feelings of compassion fatigue and dig deep into our well of concern for citizens of another country.

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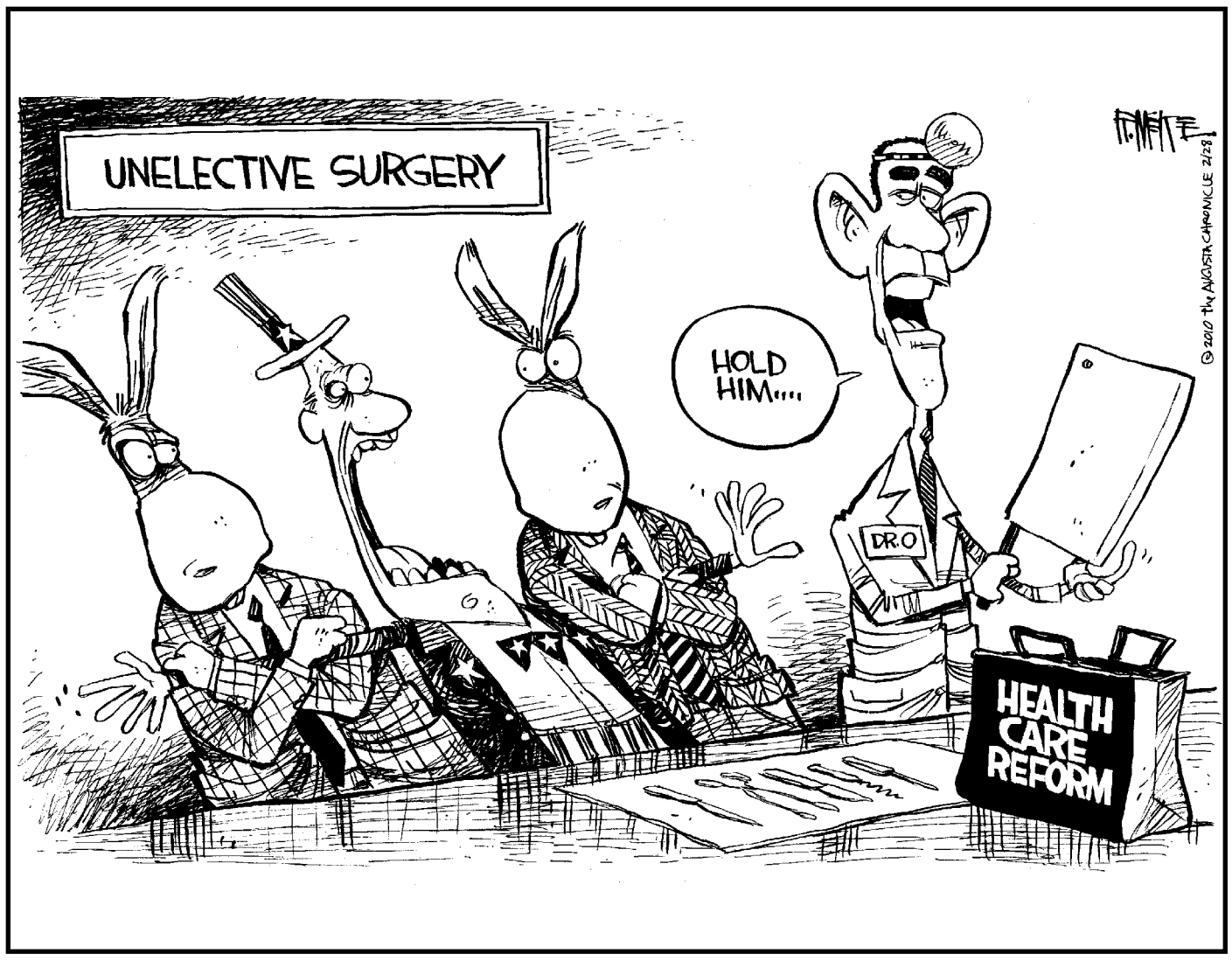


## What is and what ain't

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Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

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We open March with this question, which is a hot one with the Commonwealth's bleeding and increasingly desperate business sector: Can the Commonwealth's system of chronic economic mismanagement be changed?

Answer: No. Longer answer: The patronage system here is actually on par with much of the world, and maybe is a little better in some ways, so instead of trying to change something you can't change, I think it's useful to wonder why expectations were so high in the first place.

Personally, I never trouble my mind with complaints, crusades, or causes to reform the "system," be it on Saipan or anywhere else. I regard the system in any given place as a constant. I don't try to change it. The marching masses can do without my footprints, the seas of upturned faces can suffer the absence of mine.

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Anyway, here's the deal: Most of the world operates on a patronage system. It is the logical result of humanity's clan-based model being projected onto a larger political framework. The modern nation-state may have outgrown the village, but it never outgrew the villagers. So the CNMI is not exceptional on this note. It is, by contrast, exactly normal on this note.

In fact, it's the market-based economies that are aberrations, and, as rare as they are, they will be even rarer in the years to come. Holding the CNMI to some rare, and possibly extinct, market-based standard is not a clean move, statistically speaking.

Why, then, has Saipan attracted so much criticism? Why is it being held to a higher standard than the rest of the world?

I'll offer three reasons.

First of all, the criticism is the sort of fault-line you get when you try to mesh two incompatible systems. After Saipan attracted a lot of money and attention from the industrialists in the '80s and '90s, I knew professionals in the tourism, transportation, hospitality, and financial services realms who thought that the market-based system they valued would, and should, be adopted. They made the mistake of projecting their priorities onto the public at large. That was not a realistic bet.

As for the second reason: Some people have a sense of loss, either based on actual losses or based on some sort of a theoretical, opportunity cost outlook. The CNMI, due to its fortuitous location and U.S. affiliation, had uniquely juicy potential to join the Asian market's rise to prosperity. As one of my pals says, "This place couldn't miss, but it did." Most people shrug that off, but some nurse serious grievances, as their minds short-circuit from considering the vast gulf between where the CNMI wound up, and where it could have been.

And reason number three: In the economics realm, Saipan has an odd penchant for bureaucratic bombast, which does not make the Commonwealth look very smart, or even legitimate, to that part of the outside world that is schooled in economics. This has merely compounded the CNMI's already substantial image problems, but at this point it's probably more a matter of aesthetics, or low comedy, than a matter of genuine consequence.

Anyway, the CNMI is where it is because it chose to go where it went, so why not take the hint, and enjoy the good stuff, and not get caught up in the other stuff?

What observers fail to grasp sometimes is that all the complaining, contention, and drama is an established part of the scene in the CNMI, it's not a refutation of the system. I've been in a lot of places in the world where men sit, idle, in cafes, talking as they punctuate the air with their hands, complaining about politics, airing their various grievances, exchanging gossip about the latest intrigues, and relating how things will get better after the next election. Saipan doesn't have a cafe culture, but otherwise we're in the same conceptual boat, which is pretty much a universal one.

In summary, things is what they is, and they ain't what they ain't. It's easier to choose a place you like than to try to change a system to suit your whims. The Commonwealth's system is still better than the world's average, though, admittedly, the average isn't very impressive.

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# In Congress 2010 can be the Year of Education for the CNMI

**By GREGORIO KILILI C. SABLAN**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

*Editor's Note: U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) wrote the following opinion piece setting the stage for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in Congress.*

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is a decades-old piece of legislation with a very boring name. But the ESEA is one of the nation's primary education laws. It affects every student and teacher in the Northern Mariana Islands. And it is up for reauthorization.

Last year, I was able to bring in over $36 million in one-time Recovery Act money for education. This year, as a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, rewriting the ESEA and gaining permanent access to funding and programs is my best opportunity to improve education in our islands. I have set four primary goals, which I want to share with you:

1. State-like treatment under Title I. One of the primary sources of funding in ESEA is Title I. Currently, there is a set-aside of funds for the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. But the set-aside results in much less funding on a per-student basis than we would receive under the allocation formula used for States. I think our students deserve more equitable treatment and so I'll be pushing for a new allocation formula in Title I of the ESEA.

2. Eligibility for Early Reading First. As too often happened in the past, the insular areas have been left out of Early Reading First, a great program that helps kids get a head-start on learning. Early education programs like this are vital to prepare our children to succeed in school and later in the workforce; and I will work to ensure our children are not left out.

3. Inclusion in Race to the Top and Invest in Innovation. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which we in Congress passed last year, created two competitive grant programs, Race to the Top and Invest in Innovation, which reward schools that find new ways to boost student performance and professional development. The insular areas were not included because our schools received a set-aside under the one-time State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. But now President Obama and Education Secretary Duncan have proposed making Race to the Top and Invest in Innovation continuing programs. The Northern Mariana Islands needs to be included, so we can compete for these grants, just as schools everywhere else in our country.

4. New incentives to attract – and retain – teachers. It is hard to attract the best teachers to the Northern Mariana Islands. We are remote and teacher salaries are not fully competitive with the mainland. It is also hard for teachers we already have to get the continuing education they want to stay current in their careers or to earn advanced degrees. I am proposing a program of new incentives, similar to those that bring doctors to remote areas of our country, for teachers. These would include travel stipends and student loan repayments – even for our own students to encourage them to return home with their teaching skills. I am also working to ensure there are distance learning opportunities in the ESEA to help our existing teachers learn new methods, share their own innovative practices, and work toward the advanced degrees that can help them earn higher salaries and be better teachers for our students.

To be involved in reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and other important federal laws that increase opportunities for education and training was one of the reasons I chose to sit on the House Committee on Education and Labor. Because I believe that constantly improving our educational system in the Northern Marianas is the best way to ensure the well-being and prosperity of our community 30 to 50 years ahead.

# *Chinglish*

**By JAIME R VERGARA**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

While *dong tian* (winter) sojourning in *Dong Bei* (northeast) China in February, the desk guidebook for guests in one of the hotels I stayed in has this letter from the GM:

*Respect of lady, Sir and friends:*

*You come, let me feel keenly the honor. I represent all the employee of the hotel to mean the esteem to you with me.*

*Which place is the house? The house is assured place, the house is bay of take shelter from the winding, the house is warm and fragrant field. For make you a comfortable station on the travel, hotel will provide a house out of house of ideal to you.*

*All employee regard you as God, the attendant will use service of affection and smile of angel to drive off your lassitude.*

*I believe we must be able to work hard to serve for you with the highest enthusiasm and more the energy. Thank you very much, and I wish you live with pleasure.*

My host assured me that the Chinese is proper and clear in usage and message, and apologized for the seeming nonsensical translation. I was amused because the message was perfectly clear, as far as I was concerned. Since I had read electronic translations before, how this one came into being was perfectly understandable. Running the MS Word checker, the whole letter not surprisingly passed muster. But "to drive off your lassitude" got me to say, *"feng pi,"* a favored common expression associated with hot air!

I am reminded of a friend's experience when coming home early one morning reeking with alcohol and strong perfume, and as he gingerly tried to shut the door, his wife who had waited in the summer heat of their hovel's living room bellowed: "Would you close that goddamn door!" Literalist will, of course, find the message clear. It is about closing the door. But the real meaning of the communication is on the state, or in his case, distaste of the madame's psychological and emotional displeasure.

A dozen workers at the Philippine Consulate signed up for a class in English, advertised by the Labor Office as an educational offering to improve their language proficiency in the workplace. We commence sessions Saturday afternoon, and like a previous class, they will expect tutoring in proper English, grammar and syntax in speaking, spelling in writing, and vocabulary on both. Improved reading is assumed.

While in China, a student sought my assistance to improve his English. He was clear about his goal: to pass the standard test. Effective communication would be a happy consequence, he said, but do not necessarily have to be so. Much of China's pedagogy is towards the passing of standard tests. Kung Zi would turn over in his grave if he learns that China's education is now focused on making a living rather than on the art and discipline of living a balanced and harmonious life!

I will reverse the order. Our pedagogy in language learning is for people to communicate before it is a task about standard usage. This may be splitting hair to some, but as anyone who has ever wrapped their minds on someone's lingo, what the recipient "hears" has more significance than conforming to Bertrand Russell's requirement for precision and accuracy, the positivists' desire to have words on a one-on-one correspondence to reality. Ludwig Wittgenstein's wisdom that the meaning of a word is in its use informs my approach to linguistics. I had no problem reading the hotel GM's intent in his published letter to his guests, esoteric vocabulary, grammar and syntax notwithstanding!

Pilot Ed's forays into the Sino tongue clearly attest that learning Mandarin (as Taiwan, HK and overseas Chinese calls it, *Putonghua* to the mainland commoners), the outsider will invariably find oneself playing the blundering fool in trying to wrestle the language's varying tones, phonetic transliteration, and the 2,000-some characters of the simplified version of its calligraphy that everyone is now expected to understand.

I am sure he has discovered, as I have while navigating my way alone on *Zhonghua's* rails, that the act of attempting to speak the language is itself a message, definitely an appreciated one. It is helpful to stumble into a recipient's bewilderment by preceding or following it with *pu hao yi si* or *dui bu qi,* pardon me or excuse me, a gesture that elicits a positive response when declaring one's intents and purposes.

When one hears in Xi'an a tourist guide's Aussie tone, or in Beijing a hotelier's clipped Seville Row upper lip, or in Shenzhen a bartender's elongated cowboy drawl/twang, one understands that standard usage is the least of worries when communicating. Sadly, recruiters in China who advertise for native speakers look for palefaces from Australia, NZ, GB, US, and Canada, to teach ESL; they do not include Pinoys, Hindus, Maoris and even their own educated class as proficient native speakers.

As to form, "first come, first serve" is a perfectly good sentence. Conversely, "chop chop" is uttered by the Chinese to mean "food and/or quickly," as in *chi fan* (eat) chop chop! With limited twigs for fire, the *wok* was invented to maximize heat to allow quick cooking; and the fast consumption of hot food, *chop-chop* (Sinocized by Saipan garment workers). It is helpful that the sound is onomatopoeic to the cleaver sound made when the Chinese chefs mince their meat and vegetable. As the verb "to shanghai" was from abducting an inebriated worker in Shanghai to the fields of Hawaii, we now see adoption and adaptations of words into both languages. Currently, *Mei dong lao* is for the double arches, and the chicken Colonel is from *Ken da jie.*

The learning of a second language is a double helix. As we learn a second, we become more conscious of our first tongue. It is just as effective to allow persons to speak their second from the thought patterns of their first regardless of standard form. There's now *Hinglish, Taglish, EurEnglish* and *Chinglish.* Evolving English itself is derived from a few languages; thus, consciousness is more a key to learning than familiarity with form.

A friend has a file cabinet full of photos taken of hilarious signs in Pea Eye English. China's signs to encourage traffic compliance are lyrically somber. It would be easy to read this as a rationalization for my own not infrequent lapse in grammar and syntax, and since that is sadly also true, with apology, *pu hao yi si,* let's move on *chop-chop!*

## Letters to the Editor

# True agenda

To Rep. Stanley Torres: It is my hope that your allegations against NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez has merit for, as the saying goes, "What goes around comes around." You have spent your years in office derailing and discrediting NMC's administration and Dr. Fernandez's administration as president. What is it that you are really after? Could it be that a family member was never chosen to be president? Could it be that Dr. Fernandez is a Guamanian and she is actually doing her job in maintaining NMC's accreditation, to include placing our own as teachers at NMC?

Let me refresh your memory, Mr. Torres, and maybe it might shed some light as to why you are really attacking Dr. Fernandez. Remember a few years ago, some students lost their scholarship checks and the individual that took such checks was ordered to pay back what was taken from those students? Guess what, Sherlock, it was never paid.

It is my opinion that Dr. Fernandez knew what went on with those missing student checks and unfortunately it relates back to you congressman. So, please give it a rest and stop wasting taxpayers' time and money and remember that your personal vendetta is costing NMC its accreditation and WASC does read the news online. As for the Board of Regents, reinstate Dr. Fernandez for she represents the true meaning of "Students First."

**Gregorio Cruz Jr.**
*President, Taotao Tano CNMI Inc.*

# 'Keep the main thing the main thing'

Senate President Paul A. Manglona's statement, "to look at the bigger picture," means a lot to all of us here in the Marianas, including Guam. To me, it clearly means that we must focus on the main thing and keep the main thing the main thing.

The people of the Mariana Islands truly own the Mariana Islands, handed down from our ancestors and to our future generations. The latte stone with the pillar and cap is testimony to our ancestor's ownership and the new Marianas generation continues to be the owner of the Mariana Islands. I was born on the island of Rota and I am of Marianas descent, which makes me own the entire Marianas.

So, looking at this economic crunch and the idea of our Senate President Paul A. Manglona to look at the bigger picture, I would like to offer my viewpoint: I would never vote for reunification or unification because the Marianas was never disunited by its own wishes or will. All Mariana citizen from our ancestors to this time are all owners of all islands of the Marianas. I have been united and will always remain united and I am a legal owner of all Marianas islands, including Guam.

Finally, why not just add the Marianas to another state? I prefer Alaska.

**Joaquin Q. Atalig**
*Rota, CNMI*

# Unwelcome tax

I see that one of our legislators want to tax our only source of palatable drinking water. Perhaps our Legislature should concentrate on helping CUC find ways to help make our tap water better tasting and more readily available. If they did this, we wouldn't need to drink bottled water.

**Michael A. White**
*Dandan, Saipan*

# The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲86° ▼75° | ▲86° ▼76° | ▲86° ▼76° | ▲86° ▼76° | ▲86° ▼75° |

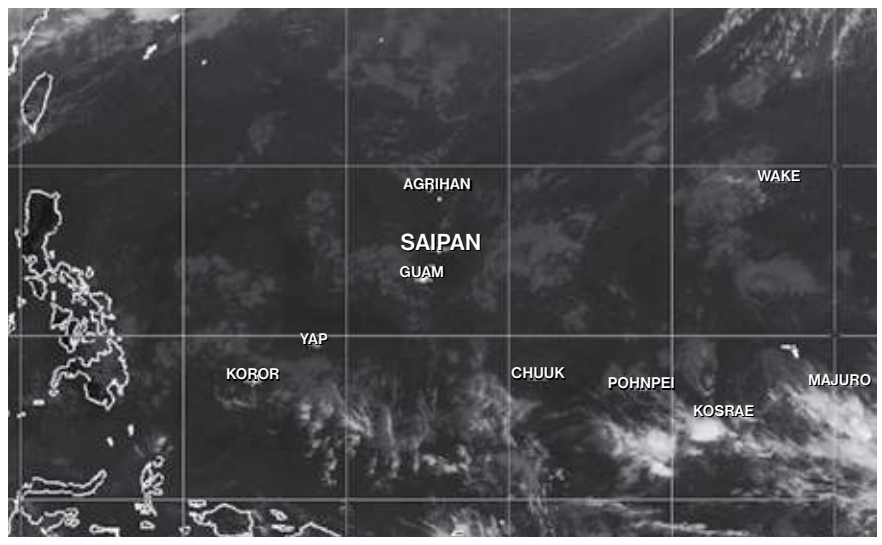
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Showers | ▲83 | ▼74 |
| Palau | Mostly Sunny | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼76 |
| Chuuk | Mostly Sunny | ▲89 | ▼78 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲86 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼75 |
| Majuro | Cloudy | ▲85 | ▼77 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Sunny | ▲74 | ▼61 |
| Beijing | Mostly Cloudy | ▲33 | ▼21 |
| Hong Kong | Partly Sunny | ▲80 | ▼75 |
| Honolulu | Showers | ▲76 | ▼69 |
| London | Cloudy | ▲46 | ▼34 |
| Los Angeles | Cloudy | ▲62 | ▼50 |
| Manila | Sunny | ▲90 | ▼75 |
| Melbourne | Rain | ▲77 | ▼60 |
| Miami | Partly Sunny | ▲67 | ▼50 |
| New York | Cloudy | ▲41 | ▼30 |
| Osaka | Mostly Cloudy | ▲57 | ▼46 |
| Paris | Sunny | ▲43 | ▼34 |
| Pusan | Mostly Cloudy | ▲54 | ▼44 |
| Rome | Showers | ▲52 | ▼26 |
| Salem | Showers | ▲54 | ▼36 |
| San Francisco | Showers | ▲56 | ▼45 |
| Seoul | Mostly Cloudy | ▲43 | ▼31 |
| Tokyo | Mostly Cloudy | ▲60 | ▼43 |
| Washington, DC | Cloudy | ▲44 | ▼28 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Weak trade-wind disturbances are producing scattered light showers north of Palau between 11N and 15N from 130E to 136E near and west of the Marianas between 13N and 15N from 139E to 145E east of the Marianas between 13N and 17N from 149E to 155E and west of Wake Island within 100 miles of a line from 20N165E to 17N163E to 14N165E to 13N169E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered light showers between Yap and Palau within 50 miles of a line from 10N130E to 9N134E to 8N139E to 6N139E. A weak near-equatorial trough runs along 1N from 156E to 180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Pohnpei and Kosrae between 2N and 5N from 157E to 162E and south of Majuro within 125 miles of a line from 6N168E to 1N179E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4:51 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.8 Feet |
| 10:24 AM | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |
| 5:36 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.1 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:32 AM | 6:25 PM |
| Saturday | 6:31 AM | 6:26 PM |
| Sunday | 6:31 AM | 6:26 PM |
| Monday | 6:30 AM | 6:26 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:29 AM | 6:26 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 10:54 PM | 9:37 AM |
| Saturday | 11:51 PM | 10:26 AM |
| Sunday | | 11:17 AM |
| Monday | 12:47 AM | 12:10 PM |
| Tuesday | 1:38 AM | 1:03 PM |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 1, 2010

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09597 | 11:30am | 12:05pm | 1, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09597 | 12:40pm | 1:10pm | 1, 7 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | Daily |
| C09597 | 11:30am | 1:10pm | 1, 7 via ROP |
| C09601 | 12:20pm | 1:10pm | 4, 5 |
| C09603 | 3:15pm | 4:05pm | Daily |
| C09605 | 6:20pm | 7:10pm | Daily |
| C09599 | 9:20pm | 10:10pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL638 | 8:00am | 10:55am | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 5:50am | 8:40am | Daily |
| DL638/288 | 8:00am | 1:30pm | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:30pm | Daily |
| DL289 | 4:50pm | 7:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604 | 2:10am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 2:40am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ119 | 4:00am | 11:25am | Daily via Osaka |
| | | Arrive OSA 6:40am, leave OSA 9:30am | |
| OZ606 | 3:20pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CZ3008 | 3:30am | 6:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/701 | 2:10am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/701 | 2:40am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ608/705 | 3:20am | 1:30am+1 | 1, 4, 5, 7 via PUS |
| C09603/893 | 3:15pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5 via GUM-PALAU |
| OZ606/703 | 3:20pm | 10:55pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09605/933 | 6:20pm | 9:40pm | Daily via GUM |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:20pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/721 | 2:10am | 12:00pm | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/721 | 2:40am | 12:00pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ606/749 | 3:20pm | 11:00pm | 4, 6, 7 via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09598 | 3:10am | 3:45am | 5, 6 |
| C09312 | 1:20pm | 1:55pm | 6 |

**GUAM-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09598 | 2:00am | 2:30am | 5, 6 |
| C09312 | 12:10pm | 12:40pm | 6 |

**GUAM-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09316 | 2:00am | 2:50am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 |
| C09598 | 2:00am | 3:45am | 5, 6 via ROP |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | Daily |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09312 | 12:10pm | 1:55pm | 6 via ROP |
| C09602 | 1:50pm | 2:40pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09604 | 4:50pm | 5:40pm | Daily |
| C09606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily |

**NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL639 | 9:00pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily Ops 5min later eff Mar 1 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL290 | 10:00am | 2:30pm | Daily |
| DL298 | 10:15am | 2:45pm | Daily |
| DL287/639 | 5:50pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO |
| DL288 | 9:00pm | 1:40am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:10am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ605 | 9:00am | 2:20pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ120 | 7:10pm | 2:20am+1 | Daily via Osaka |
| | | Arrive OSA 8:50pm, leave OSA 9:50pm | |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CZ3007 | 7:30pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ706/607 | 3:35am | 2:10am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 via PUS |
| OZ702/603 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/603 | 1:10pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:10pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| C0892/9596 | 10:10pm | 7:50am+1 | 3,5 via PALAU-GUM |
| C0934/9596 | 11:10pm | 7:50am+1 | Daily via GUM |
| OZ704/605 | 11:55pm | 2:20pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |

**HONG KONG-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ724/605 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | 2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ750/605 | 1:00am | 2:20pm | 2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:30pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:30pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:00am | 7:30am | Daily |
| **Rota-Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:50am | 8:20am | Daily |
| **Saipan-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:00am | 9:30am | Daily |
| **Rota-Guam** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:50am | 10:15am | Daily |
| **Guam-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 4:00pm | 4:30pm | Daily |
| **Rota-Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 4:50pm | 5:25pm | Daily |
| **Saipan-Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 6:00pm | 6:30pm | Daily |
| **Rota-Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 6:45pm | 7:15pm | Daily |
| **Saipan-Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45am | 6:55am | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30am | 7:40am | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00am | 8:10am | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40am | 8:50am | Daily |
| FRE 109* | 9:10am | 9:20am | Daily |
| FRE 111* | 10:45am | 10:55am | Daily |

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| FRE 112 | 11:05am | 11:15am | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00pm | 12:10pm | Daily |
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Registration set for Flame Tree Arts Festival

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Committee for the 29th Annual Flame Tree Art Festival said that registration for artists and food vendor's booths will open on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the Art Council Office. Interested participants may pick up application forms at the Arts Council Office from 8am to 4:30pm. The prices are as follows;

- Food vendors: $700 + $100 security deposit (refundable)
- Registered Artists: $150 + $100 security deposit (refundable)
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For more information, call the Arts Council at 322-9982/ 3

### NMC Alumni Association mixer on March 11

The Northern Marianas College Alumni Association will be hosting a mixer meeting at the Seaside Bar & Grill at the Pacific Islands Club on Thursday, March 11, 2010, from 5pm to 7pm. All NMC alumni (those who have earned 24 or more credits) are encouraged to attend, as many topics will be discussed, such as the upcoming NMC Alumni Membership Card. The card program is expected to entail savings at various establishments in the CNMI. Prizes will also be distributed! For more information contact Jack Kiyoshi at 234-5498 ext.1022 or email jackk@nmcnet.edu. ***(PR)***

### Puengin Inetnon today in Kagman

Puengin Inetnon will be held today, Friday, at the Kagman Community Center parking lot. Puengin Inetnon is Kagman's Friday Night Market, which begin at 4:30pm and ends at 10pm. This week's vendors feature Lynn's Barbeque, Fong's, Champs Shave Ice, and The Library Bookmobile.

Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol will be prohibited from the event. Interested vendors can call 256-7678 or e-mail kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

### Farmers invited to Friday Night Market

The Kagman Komunidat Association is inviting farmers and fishermen to the Kagman Friday Night Markets to sell produce and fish. All fees will be waived for first time sellers. Call Jesse Torres at 256-7678 or email kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com for more information. ***(PR)***

### NMC sets first health awareness fair this Saturday

The Northern Marianas College is inviting the public to its first Health Awareness Fair on March 6, 2010, at the NMC Field from 8am to 12pm. There is no fee to attend the fair.

The fair will feature many useful resources such as free blood pressure and blood sugar checkups, body mass index checkups, cholesterol testing, free H1N1 and flu shots, family planning and counseling, breast and cervical screening, and a booth for the Women, Infant and Children's program. It will also feature fun activities and entertainment such as the Northern Marianas College Battle of the PROAs competition.

For more information call the office of ASNMC at 234-5498 Ext. 1521. ***(NMC)***

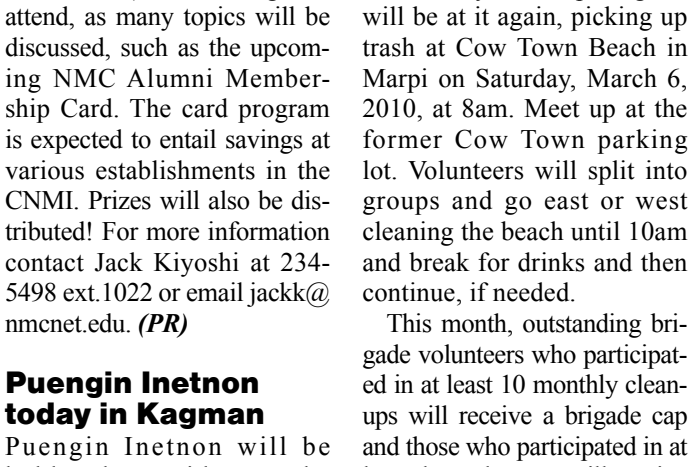
### DEQ brigade sets cleanup on Saturday

The Division of Environmental Quality cleanup brigade will be at it again, picking up trash at Cow Town Beach in Marpi on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 8am. Meet up at the former Cow Town parking lot. Volunteers will split into groups and go east or west cleaning the beach until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500. ***(PR)***

### Half-day session at Kagman High

On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, Kagman High will have a half-day session. We will release the students at 12pm. Progress report time is from 4:30pm to 6pm. For any questions, call our office at 237-3840. ***(PR)***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# Law firm sued for $25M in sale of Hafadai hotel

Members of the Tenorio, Guerrero, and Borja families of Saipan who were minority shareholders of Saipan Hotel Corp. and Pacific Development Inc. filed an amended complaint in the CNMI Superior Court on March 3 against their former law firm, Carlsmith Ball, and several of its partners.

The lawsuit claims that the law firm and a number of the firm's partners in Honolulu and Saipan were instrumental in carrying out a scheme to deceive the local shareholders and strip away their shares in the Hafadai Beach Hotel for the benefit of the firm's Japanese and U.S. clients. The suit, which was originally filed in July 2009, asks for general and punitive damages in excess of $25 million.

One of the plaintiffs, Herman T. Guerrero said, "The Carlsmith firm was instrumental in carrying out a scheme to strip away the families' interests in the hotel for essentially nothing. They concealed information and conflicts from us and even misrepresented to the court what we had agreed to the sale of our shares in the hotel. What made it worse is that they were our lawyers too; they had a duty to us. But we were sold down the river for a bigger client. That is just plain wrong. We basically lost everything with respect to the hotel and Carlsmith is responsible."

Carlsmith Ball LLP is a Hawaii law firm with over 70 attorneys in offices in Honolulu, Los Angeles, Hilo, Kona, Maui, Guam and Saipan. The firm has been on Saipan since 1986.

In the amended complaint, lawyers from Carlsmith are accused of selling out the interests of Saipan clients, who they were still representing at the time the sale of the hotel took place in 2004, to further the interests of Kinki Nippon Tourist, Ltd., the international investment firm of Morgan Stanley, which was negotiating with KNT to purchase the hotel, and Mitsubishi Securities, which was serving as agent for KNT on the deal.

The amended complaint describes how in addition to decimating the value of the shares of the local shareholders in the hotel, Carlsmith structured an unfavorable lease agreement depriving these local landholders of the full value of their property. Plaintiffs settled a related lawsuit against KNT in 2009, but Carlsmith was "carved out" of the settlement by the parties.

The amended complaint's allegations explain how Carlsmith lawyers pushed through the transaction over the objection of minority shareholders, who they also represented, without disclosing the true facts and circumstances, knowing that the minority shareholders' holdings would be rendered almost worthless by the transaction.

"We were shocked that Carlsmith betrayed us," said Guerrero. "And our parents would have been mortified. They were so proud of the hotel and of having built the tourism industry on the island. They wanted us to continue their work. But Carlsmith took that away from us. We didn't want to sue, but we felt we had to protect the families' rightful interest."

The amended complaint details how in betraying its clients, Carlsmith committed legal malpractice, including breach of fiduciary duty, conflict of interest, fraud, and professional negligence.

The case is Jesus T. Guerrero and Herman T. Guerrero as Trustees of the Guerrero Family Trust, Carmen Deleon Guerrero Borja, and Annie T. Sablan, Clarence Tenorio and Norman Tenorio as Trustees of the Jose C. Tenorio Trust, and Juan S. Tenorio as Administrator of the Estate of Santiago C. Tenorio, Juan T. Guerrero, Jesus T. Guerrero, and Brenda Y. Tenorio and Lynette F. Tenorio as Trustees of the AJT Trust v. Carlsmith Ball, LLP and Marcia K. Schultz, Mary Jane Connell, Nancy M. Beckner, and Charles A. Sweet, Civil Case No. 09-0305, Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

# 3 nominees to White House panel share NMC background

The three CNMI nominees to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders all share a common bond: the Northern Marianas College.

Through the consensus of Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus members Delegate Gregorio Sablan, Delegate Madeleine Bordallo and chairman Rep. Michael Honda, the three individuals who were nominated to serve as commissioners from the CNMI were Janet King, Galvin Deleon Guerrero and Dr. Debra Cabrera, all of whom have a historic or a current role at NMC.

## King

King is the current NMC Board of Regents chairwoman and has been a member of the board since 2008. Her experiences include teaching various courses as an adjunct faculty member at the Tinian NMC campus. She continues to volunteer her time to give short lectures on speech, time management, college preparation, and SAT instruction to high school students through NMC programs. King is an attorney in private practice in the CNMI, and is also licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii and the Territory of Guam.

King

"As a member of the Board of Regents and someone who calls the Northern Mariana Islands home, I value NMC in more ways than one. I have always believed that the college is a place where one can learn how to learn; how to flourish as a human being for a lifetime; and how to be a good citizen in a democracy," said King.

"Born and raised on Tinian, I have come to value NMC's presence and the opportunities it creates for individuals in our small, but important island community, opportunities which otherwise would be shut off from Tinian for various reasons, like geography or economics," said King.

## Deleon Guerrero

Deleon Guerrero is currently the director of Institutional Effectiveness and serves as the accreditation liaison officer at NMC. He is also a member of the Board of Education and was a former Board of Regent at the college from 2001-2005.

Deleon Guerrero

Aside from ensuring that NMC complies with accreditation eligibility requirements and standards, prepares accreditation reports and facilitates staff and faculty training on accreditation matters, Deleon Guerrero is also responsible for the compilation of crucial data that help drive decision making for continuous improvement of the overall fiscal and operational management of the institution.

"While I learned much about NMC as a regent, since coming on board as the director of Institutional Effectiveness, I have gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for what NMC does for our students and the community at-large," said Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "Everyone here at the college goes the extra mile to meet the needs of our students and to provide the best education possible. It has been both humbling and inspiring, and I look forward to continue working with Team PROA for many years to come."

## Cabrera

Dr. Cabrera's professional career with NMC not only stems back 22 years ago, but she is also a proud alumna of the institution. She attended NMC for one year upon graduating from Mount Carmel High School before pursuing higher education in the U.S. mainland.

Cabrera

Cabrera has years of experience at NMC as a tutor, a counselor and an advisor. She was an instructor at the college for over eight years, served as an accreditation liaison officer and as dean of Academic Programs and Services. During her tenure at NMC, she received glowing reviews on a number of paper publications and presentations and delivered keynote speeches during a number of commencement exercises.

"To be a part of meaningful change in the community one must first understand the community through first-hand experiences complemented by scientific research. I hope that this is what I can contribute for the community, myself and my family," said Dr. Cabrera.

If confirmed, CNMI commissioners to WHIAAPI will be able to participate and work collaboratively with other presidential appointees along with the Advisory Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders to mobilize resources and enable the active participation of more than 16 million AAPI in federal programs, in which they may be underserved. ***(PR)***


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The Center for Living Independently makes a courtesy call on the Tinian Mayor's Office during a visit to the island on Feb. 24, 2010. From left, Kimberly King-Hinds; Allen Perez, Tinian Mayor's chief of staff; board vice president Jose Sablan, secretary Janice Sablan, CLI staff Matilde Selepeo, and executive director Lydia D. Igitol.

**BEACH CLEANUP**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Northern Mariana Diving Operators Association pose with the loads of trash they collected during a beach cleanup held on Feb. 27, 2010, at the Laulau Beach dive site. The group participates in a beach cleanup every month.

**MEDICAL MISSION**

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In celebration of February as "Love Month," the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th watch) conducted and organized a mini-medical mission, solely dedicated to the members of the church. Everyone received a free service of blood sugar check up, blood pressure check up, eye check up, massage/ reflex, haircut and everyone even take home a bag of goodies. The church conducts a medical mission every October that is open to the public.

**WELCOME HOME**

Jerald John Q. Repeki recently retuned home. His family and friends are proud of him for serving our country.

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# PCB cleanup at CUC Isley Field facility completed

Michelle Rogow, on-scene coordinator from the Emergency Response Section of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, along with contractors and staff from the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality, recently cleaned up the Isley Field near the Saipan International Airport of polychlorinated biphenyls—a toxic chemical.

EPA and DEQ were assisted by their mainland contractors, Environmental Quality Management, Inc. and Ecology and Environment Inc., while the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. provided some logistic support in the cleanup action.

The source of the PCB in the area were old transformers, some of which date back to the Trust Territory period. They have been stored in Isley Field reportedly for over 10 years and this is the first time such a cleanup action was initiated for a CUC facility.

The presence of PCB can only be determined through sampling and analyzing in modern laboratory and such facilities are not available on Saipan or Guam. Rogow had supervised several sampling at various CUC facilities, including the Isley Field site, and sent samples to their laboratory facility for detailed analysis which allowed the separation of the toxic and hazardous wastes from those that are non-hazardous.

CUC project coordinator Venugopal Prabhakara had approached the local Division of Environmental Quality for assistance from EPA for the cleanup. PCBs are managed under the Toxic Substances Control Act and the PCB regulations, 40 CFR 761. In his communication to the DEQ director, Prabhakara said: "As you are aware, we have active water wells in close proximity to the Isley Field and the fact that PCBs are known human carcinogens and could persist without breaking down for many years if accidentaly released to the environment makes the clean up a priority."

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency contractors remove soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls at the Isley Field near the Saipan International Airport.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DEQ director Frank Rabauliman forwarded the official request to U.S. EPA Region 9 on behalf of the CNMI government, which was promptly approved.

CUC is under a U.S. Federal Court consent decree since March 11, 2009, with stipulations under the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. Under the court order, CUC is required to undertake all necessary steps to remove the discharge or threat of discharge of oil and hazardous substances into the soil, groundwater and navigable waters. Prabhakara noted that there is no facility for safe disposal of PCBs on Saipan or Guam, so the contaminated oil must be sent to an EPA-approved disposal facility in the U.S. mainland.

CUC executive director Antonio S. Muña thanked the EPA and DEQ for their assistance and is extremely grateful for the federal support in the cleanup. This federal action of removing the PCB oil, transformer carcasses, and soil contaminated with PCB oil would have cost CUC over $120,000, in addition to the time that would be spent in the various regulatory approvals for the cleanup action. ***(PR)***

## Drivers' alert for Saipan Marathon

In support of the Saipan Marathon tomorrow, March 6, roadside parking in Garapan will be closed on the outer southbound lane from the Department of Public Safety sub-station south to Hafadai Beach Hotel from 10pm on Friday until 12noon on Saturday.

This no parking zone will be enforced by DPS, and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Also, drivers are encouraged to take an alternate route other than Beach Road from 4:30am to 8 am to minimize traffic along the marathon route.

The public's cooperation is appreciated. ***(PR)***

## Carolinian panel adopts resolution in support of national monument

The Carolinian Affairs Office Advisory Committee has adopted a resolution expressing support for the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Enhancement Act of 2009.

The 12-member committee signed committee resolution 2010-001 Friday and transmitted a copy to the office of NMI Delegate Gregorio Sablan.

The resolution called on Congress and the federal government to implement a fair and equitable process in realizing the federal government's promise to the CNMI government, as outlined in Presidential Proclamation 8335.

The document added that the Covenant is not a unilateral enactment by the U.S. Congress or an organic act.

"Because the Covenant is a binding bilateral agreement between the U.S. and the people of the NMI, neither party may unilaterally amend the Covenant's fundamental provisions without the consent of the other. To do so would constitute a material breach of the Covenant," the committee said.

It also opposed any action by Congress that will modify, adjust, and alter the existing agreement to set up the marine monument, its facilities and outlays in the CNMI. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***


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**Friday, February 26, 2010, First Notice**
**Friday, March 5, 2010, Second Notice**

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to pick up a copy of their Administrative Order with regards to the revocation of their Umbrella Permit at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Square Building, San Antonio. Deadline to pick up the Order is on March 22, 2010. Any person listed below who failed to pick up the Order is now as of the second date of this notice, served with the order.

| NAME | LIDS | NAME | LIDS |
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| Abella, Rodolfo | 145111 | Mahilum, Maricel | 291948 |
| Acquiatan, Cristina | 115801 | Marasigan, Luisito | 284344 |
| Arnaldo, Aurora | 103934 | Molina, Elizabeth | 150376 |
| Azurin, Kenneth | 285892 | Moreno, Marilyn | 101317 |
| Berganio, Elizabeth | 160046 | Nan, Haiyan | 195425 |
| Chavez, Rogelio | 133483 | Navales, Lito | 175290 |
| Cornejo, Nenita | 125899 | Piao, Shunji | 173851 |
| Cotin, Renato | 107403 | Romero, Rebecca | 282525 |
| Cui, Chunmei | 195361 | Sun, Guiying | 153857 |
| Cui, Shunyu | 166256 | Tong, Guo Zhong | 295928 |
| Dai, Lixiu | 289302 | Valdez, Garciana | 172714 |
| Ding, Fuli | 296406 | Velarde, Pedro | 111514 |
| Factor, Anthony DLC | 118615 | Wang, Yasu | 190465 |
| Fang, Weiguo | 197051 | Wu, Yanmei | 121548 |
| Flores, Eduardo | 162472 | Xia, Liying | 166924 |
| Gonzales, Erlinda | 172850 | Xiao, Rongjian | 153407 |
| Hu, Xiu Quan | 147897 | Xu, Zhiguang | 200601 |
| Huang, Qingai | 185968 | Xue, Xiuqing | 120035 |
| Laxamana, Nestor | 117478 | Yang, Zhicong | 191464 |
| Lee, Sang Hwa | 303194 | Yasona, Lucio | 104669 |
| Li, Xiang Hua | 175926 | Zhao, Chengbin | 190947 |
| Li, Zhiqui | 137021 | Zheng, Liwen | 293607 |
| Liang, Xiu Yuan | 135156 | Zhou, Xifen | 188069 |
| Liu, Meiying | 297883 | Zhuang, Honghong | 300753 |

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# PUBLIC NOTICE of HEARING

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| NAME | LIDS | DATE & TIME | NAME | LIDS | DATE & TIME |
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| Adelan, Rosendo | 151286 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Pineda, Mario | 103433 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Barroga, Teresita | 163841 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Pineda, Odilon | 172708 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Bhuiyan, MD Nozir Ahmed | 133998 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Pitogo, Celso | 297755 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Canlas, Celedonio | 124549 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Ragadi, Glory | 110137 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Cao, Ming Yan | 122908 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Ramiro, Mercedita | 118223 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Corpuz, Leonida | 127821 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Rao, Haili | 142496 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Deng, Lixia | 132833 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Rao, Zhikun | 201836 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Dizon, Leticia | 162262 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Rasool, Amir | 156370 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Ebdane, Rodolfo | 108935 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Rejano, Ramon | 111781 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Eusebio, Jimmy | 173309 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Reonal, Julian | 138015 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Genez, Elizabeth | 149993 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Rivera, Reggienald | 158101 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Gumabay, Antonio | 149396 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Robediso, Rosemarie | 192578 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Hernandez, Bonifacio | 139951 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Sanchez, Edna | 133851 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Iballar, Rodolfo | 106151 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Santiago, Jennifer | 286433 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Lagman, Eligio | 146915 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Shi, Lanxiang | 197738 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Lang, Xuefen | 186234 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Sikder, Mohamad Badal | 175067 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Lee, Dol Soo | 144472 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Tejada, Ligaya | 105049 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Legaspi, Rowena | 296998 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Usudan, Sinawe | 126300 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
| Lopez, Cynthia | 291003 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Wang, Xingjing | 310364 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Lozada, Soligay | 113745 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM | Xiao, Yanbang | 155050 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Maligsa, Tessie | 144630 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Xu, Hong Mei | 183674 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Mapalo, Valerie | 151360 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Yang, Honghui | 142496 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Matin, Abdul | 142496 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Yu, Jianming | 162898 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Merced, Rachael | 158857 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Zhang, Lijun | 100589 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM |
| Mirasol, Joey | 204523 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Zhao, Yang | 287973 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Montes, Arthur | 312442 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM | Zheng, Jingwen | 200980 | 03/18/2010 AT 1PM |
| Nan, Changgen | 286432 | 03/23/2010 AT 9AM | Zhou, Yaping | 170988 | 03/23/2010 AT 1PM |
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Mount Carmel School's Red Cross Club members Louise Villagomez, left, and Naomi Nosek show club pride with their shirt. Over the weekend two of the four American Red Cross school clubs on Saipan took part in their role in making schools and communities safer and healthier. The Mt. Carmel club and Marianas High School Club participated in a four-hour CPR course held at their respective schools.

# Local chapter celebrates Red Cross Month

With March proclaimed as Red Cross Month, the NMI Chapter recognized and thanked supporters and volunteers whose efforts enable the Red Cross to respond to disasters down the street, across the country and around the world.

"The Red Cross works tirelessly to be there with help and hope when people need it most–and we are grateful for the public support that enables us to continue our work – here at home and abroad," said Juan Diego Tenorio, Emergency Services director. "Our community and our nation depend on the Red Cross in times of need, and the Red Cross depends on the support of the American people to achieve its mission."

"During Red Cross Month, we want to recognize the valuable supporters whose generosity makes the work of the American Red Cross possible," Tenorio added. "In addition, Red Cross Month is a great time for people to get involved with the Red Cross, such as signing up for a CPR, first aid or other Red Cross course; giving a financial gift that can really save the day when the next disaster strikes, or getting involved as a volunteer."

Red Cross provides shelter, food, comfort and hope to survivors of nearly 70,000 disasters each year; helps prepare communities for emergencies; is the largest single provider of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills to more than 5 million people a year; supports military members and their families, and provides international humanitarian aid.

The American Red Cross touches the lives of millions of people every year through its network of 34,000 employees and more than 600,000 volunteers in more than 2,000 locations across the United States and more than 30 countries around the world.

"The Red Cross has responded following the Haiti earthquake in January, working to turn despair into hope," John Hirsh, executive director of the NMI Chapter said. "The Red Cross is there in Haiti now—and we are also here each day in the CNMI and across the country for families who need us."

Although major disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons and wildfires capture national media headlines, the day-to-day work of the Red Cross often takes place in local communities. In the past year, the NMI Chapter responded to over 15 local emergencies, assisted 91 military families and trained 1,766 people in lifesaving skills.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross Month proclamation in 1943, recognizing the American Red Cross as a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit and calling on Americans to "rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross." Every president since that time has recognized the work of the Red Cross with a Red Cross Month.

NMI Chapter has a number of activities planned for Red Cross Month in March, including information booths at the local markets, school presentations, the 24th annual Red Cross Walkathon, Super CPR Classes, and Disaster Courses to name a few.

### About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to survivors of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization—not a government agency—and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, visit www.redcross.org or join its blog at http://blog.redcross.org. ***(PR)***

# Free health screening for Filipinos

The Philippine Consulate General is hosting its first quarter "Free Health Screening for OFWs" this Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza Building. Registration is at 7am - 8am and the actual activity will be from 8am to 12pm.

This free health screening program by the Philippine Consulate, Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is done in cooperation with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team, CNMI Pharmacist Association and Hardt Eye Clinic. The medical services include blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision checkups. OFWs who are availing of the blood sugar level checkup must refrain from taking solid and liquid food from 12 midnight to actual testing.

Last calendar year of 2009, a total of 1,601 OFWs benefited from the health screening program, with 1,228 availing of the blood pressure and blood sugar checkups, and 373 availing of the eye-vision checkup. The average number of OFWs who comes for checkups every quarter is 400.

This program is being conducted to increase the level of awareness on diabetes prevention and control, hypertension prevention and eye/vision pressure correction among OFWs. Through this project, the Philippine Consulate General hopes to reach more and serve even if in a modest way, the medical needs, while fostering the spirit of volunteerism in the true spirit of *Filipino bayanihan* here in Saipan.

The Philippine Consulate General will also be open to provide normal consular services on the same day, March 7, to make up for the early closure of the Consulate last Sunday, Feb. 28, due to a tsunami warning alert. Those availing of consular services may proceed to the 5th floor of the Marianas Business Plaza from 9am to 4pm. ***(PR)***

# Rotary gears up for Las Vegas Night

If you believe the saint of luck is on your side, now is the time to buy your tickets for the Rotary Club of Saipan's largest and most popular annual fundraiser, Las Vegas Night!

With only a limited number of tickets available and only a few weeks remaining, now is the time to buy or risk losing the opportunity to participate in one of the islands' few gaming opportunities while helping support many worthwhile community projects.

Las Vegas night will be held March 27, 2010 at the Saipan World Resort, from 6pm to 10pm.

With $10,000 up for grabs, or a brand new Hyundai Accent, as well as thousands of dollars in cash prizes, not to mention fabulous door prizes raffled every hour, Las Vegas Night tickets are well worth the buy.

Tickets are being sold for $5 each or $20 for a book of five.

Dubbed Las Vegas Night from all the games available in the famous U.S. city, Rotary members volunteer to run Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Kina, another form of Bingo.

"It is really a night of fun as people come and play and our Rotary members volunteer as dealers, bankers and greeters. It is an event that the community and the Club look forward to and all of our proceeds go to support our local programs and initiatives," said Saipan Rotary Club president Kim Forrester.

"The tickets are multi-purpose. In addition to giving you a chance to win the car or cash prizes without having to be present they also allow entry into Las Vegas Night which then leads to many more chances to win additional door prizes while trying your hand at all the games," he said.

Past president Ben Babauta is leading a team of Rotarians to sell tickets at the Thursday Night Street Market from 6pm to 8pm, and the Saturday Sabalu Market from 7am to 10am from now to March 25.

"We encourage everyone in the community to come and meet us at the Thursday Street Market or the Sabalu Street markets to buy tickets," said Babauta.

Tickets could also be purchased at the *Marianas Variety* office in Garapan and selected Shell stations on Saipan.

Come celebrate your luck on the month of St. Patrick's Day knowing you're helping the Rotary Club of Saipan raise funds for many worthwhile community projects. ***(PR)***

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**NOTISIA POT PRINIPONEN ATKILON TANU PUBLIKU**

Segun i lai Publiku 15-2, Seksiona 106, i Depattamention Tanu Publiku ha notitisia todus ni intension para ma-atkilan tanu publiku gi Lower Base, Saipan. Libre i publiku muna` halom hafa hinassoña nu este na planu.

i. I tanu gaige gi Lot No. 038 E 02 ya i minedoñg 6,800 metru kuatdrau, poku mas o`menus. Guaha kopian este na lugat gi Depattamention Tanu para haye malagu umina.

ii. I para u fan atkila i Success International Corporation ni ineluluye as Señor Guo Jun Miao. Guiya lokue sekretariu yan treasurarion i kompania.

iii. I mapropopone na atkilon manegosiu as Señor Miao.

iv. I lugat para bisnis man-areglan kareta yan man-mueba tumobit 24 oras diariamente. I tetminon atkilon para 25 años na tiempu ya siña lokue ma-ekstende para otru 15 años. I tutat atkilon gaige gi pot sientu gi ma-katkula ni marehistra na kompanian man-ebaluan balin tanu.

v. I kopian kontratan atkilon gaige gi Depattamention Tanu gi Joeten Building, Dandan, Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luta; yan primet bibienda gi Kings Commercial Bldg. giya Tinian.

vi. I Depattamenton Tanu taya renisibiña kabales na propositu pot atkilon i lugat ni gaige guine na anunsiu.

vii. I Sekcretariun Depattamenton Tanu siña ha resibe nina halum publiku pot este priniponen atkilon, fabot `sino kinentra, antes `sino Måtso ida 8, 2010 gi katkuet offinan tanu giya Saipan, Tinian yan Luta.

**ARONGORONGOL REEL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP**

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) mellól alléghúl toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Teel faluwasch Marianas. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer rebwe isisilong aghiyegh, aweewe, reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap me bwal Alléghúl Toualp ye 15-2, e ayoora, lamal aweewe kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélló.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No 038 E 02, eyoor olangaras walabwughúw (6,800) square meters, elapeló ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipél. Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuleey fischi.

ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge Success International Corporation, CNMI Corporation. Samwoolul Corporation nge Guo Jun Miao.

Samwoolul Treasurer/Sekkeretoria nge Guo Jun Miao.

Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Mr. Guo Jun Miao.

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe ayoora me mwóghutáágheli fasilidóód fengál me leliyel ffééról ghareeta. 24-hours reel towing service shop, me akkááw angaangal.

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge ebwe reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years) me emmwel ebwe sóbwusóbw ngáli bwal seigh me limwoow ráágh (15 yrs)

Pomwol akkilon yeel llól alongal ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw (value of the property) me bwal meeta kka e akkayú llól bwuleey yeel.

v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llól Tuturam, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commerial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwo (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchuluyol.

vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipel.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng kkaal, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal Máailap 8, 2010 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta me ngáre Tchúlúyól.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND**

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 038 E 02, containing an area of approximately 6,800 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Success International Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Director of the Corporation is Guo Jun Miao.

The President/Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation is Guo Jun Miao.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Guo Jun Miao.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of developing and managing a facility with a complete automobile repair shop, 24-hour towing service shop, and related operations.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property, including existing structure(s).

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before March 8, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

# Business

# Drivers complain that Toyota's fixes didn't work

**DETROIT** (AP)—At least 15 Toyota drivers have complained to U.S. safety officials that their cars sped up by themselves even after being fixed under recalls for sticky gas pedals or floor mat problems, according to an Associated Press analysis.

The development raises questions about whether Toyota's repairs will bring an end to the cases of wild, uncontrolled acceleration or if there may be electronic causes behind the complaints that have dogged the automaker.

Although the allegations were unverified by the agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday it was contacting people who have complained about acceleration problems even after repairs were done under two large recalls. The agency wants to hear from others who have had similar troubles, it said.

"If Toyota owners are still experiencing sudden acceleration incidents after taking their cars to the dealership, we want to know about it," agency administrator David Strickland said in a statement.

The new complaints raised eyebrows in Congress, which has held three hearings on the recalls in the past week and is investigating Toyota's safety problems.

AP

Stewart Stogel of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. shows what he says was a modified gas pedal in his gold 2009 Toyota Camry Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

"I am deeply concerned that NHTSA has received this many reports of possible sudden unanticipated acceleration even after these vehicles have received Toyota's recommended fix," said Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, who serves on one of the committees investigating Toyota.

"It's critical that we get to the bottom of this problem as quickly as possible."

Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons said Wednesday the company was investigating the complaints, though it remains confident in its recall fixes. Teams of engineers are being mobilized to check into the complaints, he said.

Toyota has recalled more than 8 million vehicles worldwide since October to fix floor mats that can snag gas pedals or faulty gas pedal assemblies that can stick.

NHTSA says 52 people have been killed in crashes linked to Toyota's acceleration problems. Toyota has blamed mechanical causes or drivers pressing the wrong pedal. However, some question whether the electronic throttle system or a software glitch may be at fault, rather than a mechanical issue involving pedals. Toyota says it is looking into electronics as a possible cause.

In the meantime, complaints keep coming in from drivers who say the fix has not solved the problem, including at least 15 filed with NHTSA in the last two weeks, according to an AP analysis of the agency database.

## *Toyota Prius tops Japan sales despite recall woes*

**TOKYO** (AP)—Toyota's Prius remains the top-selling car in Japan despite the automaker's global recall woes that included braking problems with the hit hybrid.

More than 27,000 of the gas-electric hybrids were sold in February, making the Prius the best selling model for the 10th straight month, according to Japan Automobile Dealers Association figures released Thursday.

The continued popularity of the Prius comes despite Toyota's recall debacle affecting 8.5 million vehicles around the world, including the third-generation Prius in Japan, recalled for a glitch in antilock braking.

Sales of the Prius have been boosted by its reputation for delivering superb mileage by switching between a gasoline engine and electric motor as well as tax breaks and other government incentives.

The Prius, also the world's top-selling hybrid, has been so popular in Japan that it has a big backlog of orders, with a waiting list lasting about six months.

But Toyota officials have acknowledged some people canceled their orders since the recall. Toyota began offering new software to fix the braking problem since last month.

Toyota's handling of the quality lapses, which emerged in the U.S. last year, has received widespread media attention in its home market but loyalty to Toyota remains relatively strong because the other defects behind the recalls—sticky gas pedals and faulty floor mats—have not affected any models sold in Japan.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Asia stocks fall after Fed points to slow recovery

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Asian stock markets fell Thursday after the U.S. central bank signaled recovery in the world's largest economy would be slow. It was the region's first decline after four straight days of gains. The euro, meanwhile, held onto most of its big advance overnight after Greece announced new measures to help solve its debt crisis. Oil prices hovered near $81 a barrel. The move lower in regional markets tracked U.S. stocks, where the Federal Reserve's announcement that economic improvements have been "modest" undermined faith in a quicker rebound. Wall Street, up earlier in the day, lost ground to finish largely where it started.

### Oil hovers below $81 after 2-day jump

**SINGAPORE** (AP)—Oil prices hovered below $81 a barrel after a two-day jump fueled by growing investor optimism that global crude demand is recovering. Benchmark crude for April delivery was down 23 cents to $80.64 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract climbed $1.19 to settle at $80.87 on Wednesday after rising 98 cents on Tuesday. Oil prices have traded in the $70s for most of the last eight months, rising above $80 several times only to fall back amid concerns that crude demand in developed countries is lagging behind an overall economic recovery.

# Starbucks asks not to be center of gun debate

**SEATTLE** (AP)—Coffee chain Starbucks Corp. is sticking to its policy of letting customers carry guns where it's legal and said it does not want to be put in the middle of a larger gun-control debate.

The company's statement, issued Wednesday, stems from recent campaign by some gun owners, who have walked into Starbucks and other businesses to test state laws that allow gun owners to carry weapons openly in public places. Gun control advocates have protested.

The fight began heating up in January in Northern California and has since spread to other states and other companies, bolstered by the pro-gun group OpenCarry.org.

Some of the events were spontaneous, with just one or two gun owners walking into a store. Others were organized parades of dozens of gun owners walking into restaurants with their firearms proudly at their sides.

Now, gun control advocates are protesting the policy. The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, launched a petition drive demanding that the company "offer espresso shots, not gunshots" and declare its coffeehouses "gun-free zones." And Wednesday, that group delivered 28,000 signatures to the coffee giant's headquarters in Seattle.


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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION**
**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals to operate a food and beverage concession at the Saipan International Terminal, Saipan International Airport. Interested firms and individuals are invited to submit proposals for food and beverage services to be offered to the traveling public.

Proposal packages may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, located at the Administrative Office of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport during regular business hours. A fee of $50.00 shall be charged for a copy of the proposal package. Checks may be payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All proposals must be received by the Authority at its administrative Office, located at the Saipan International Airport no later than **4:30 on the 19th day of March, 2010** in order to be considered. In evaluating proposals the Authority shall consider the following criteria:

1. Financial standing and capability
2. Management qualifications
3. Capital Investment
4. Proposed Design of Concession Area
5. Food and Beverage to be offered
6. Customer Services, including proposed staffing
7. Pricing of food, beverage, and services offered

The decision on proposals submitted and the award to the successful proposer shall be made within forty-five (45) days of the closing date for receipt of proposals. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2 (7) and 4.1 of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Inquiries regarding this Request For Proposals may be addressed to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan MP 96950.

Dated This 3rd day of March, 2010.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero
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**TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and/or individuals to operate a food and beverage concession at the Tinian International Airport. Interested firms and/or individuals are encouraged to specify in their proposal the types of products and/or services they intend to offer to the traveling public and how to best use the space available. The area of the space available is 433 square fee, and is centrally located at the Tinian International Airport. This space is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Proposal packages may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, located at the Administrative Office of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport during regular business hours and the Office of the Tinian Ports Manager located in the Tinian International Airport. A fee of $50.00 shall be charged for a copy of the proposal package. Checks may be payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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4. Proposed Design of Concession Area
5. Food and Beverage to be offered
6. Customer Services, including proposed staffing
7. Pricing of food, beverage, and services offered

The decision on proposals submitted and the award to the successful proposer shall be made within forty-five (45) days of the closing date for receipt of proposals. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2 (7) and 4.1 of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Dated This 3rd day of March, 2010.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero
Executive Director



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**NMHC RFP 2010-002**

**APPRAISAL OF NMHC'S ABANDONED/ FORECLOSED PROPERTIES**
*(This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD Funds.)*

**CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, March 22, 2010** **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**PLACE: Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors through its Chairwoman of the Board, are soliciting competitive sealed proposals from reputable, licensed and certified appraisers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Copies of the proposal package may be obtained at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday except CNMI holidays.

The procedures for this procurement shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this procurement.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Stabilization Program provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these funds are provided to low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible. Proposers are further notified NMHC will affirmatively insure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women-owned business enterprises (MBE/WBE) are afforded equal opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability or national origin.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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# Nation

## Sex offender charged in Chelsea King case

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—A 30-year-old convicted sex offender was charged Wednesday with murdering and raping or attempting to rape 17-year-old Chelsea King, who disappeared last week after heading out for a run in a park.

John Albert Gardner III stood in court in shackles with his eyes cast downward, showing no emotion, as an attorney waived arraignment and a reading of the complaint and entered pleas of not guilty in the potential death penalty case.

San Diego County prosecutors charged Gardner with one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation that the crime occurred in the commission of rape or attempted rape.

A second count of assault with intent to commit rape was filed in connection with a December attack on another female.

The Lake Elsinore man was arrested Sunday as a huge search was under way in a wilderness park in northeastern San Diego, where King's car was found parked Thursday night.

A body was finally found in a shallow lakeside grave on Tuesday, and authorities said they believed it was King, although formal identification by the coroner was pending.

District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis declined to answer questions about evidence.

"We know this has rocked San Diego," she said. "It has rocked all of us."

Early Wednesday a spray-painted message was found on the garage at the home of the suspect's mother. It said, "Chelseas blood is on you. Move out." Police did not know who painted it.

Gardner lived at the Rancho Bernardo home in 2000 when he molested a 13-year-old neighbor. The home is down the street

from an elementary school and near the park where King was last seen Thursday wearing running clothes.

A piece of paper taped to the front door told visitors to leave.

Thousands of people joined the search after the teen failed to return from a run near the lake.

Mourners held a candlelight vigil Tuesday night for the popular straight-A student at Poway High School.

Brent King, Chelsea's father, thanked supporters on the lawn of St. Michael's Church in Poway, northeast of San Diego.

"One of the nicknames that I've always called my daughter is my Angel. She's my angel forever," he said. "I want to thank you. Chelsea wants to thank you."

Someone shouted, "We love you," and Brent King replied, "We love all of you."

Gardner was arrested after police said a piece of physical evidence tied him to King. No further details were provided.

Gardner pleaded guilty in May 2000 to molesting the 13-year-old female neighbor and served five years of a six-year prison term. Prosecutors said he lured the victim to his home with an offer to watch "Patch Adams," a 1998 movie starring Robin Williams.

The girl was beaten before escaping and running to a neighbor.

Gardner "never expressed one scintilla of remorse for his attack upon the victim" despite overwhelming evidence, prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memo.

He had faced a maximum of nearly 11 years in prison under terms of a plea agreement, but prosecutors urged six years.

Dr. Matthew Carroll, a psychiatrist who interviewed Gardner, had urged "the maximum sentence allowed by law." He said in court documents that Gardner was a "continued danger to underage girls in the community" and an "extremely poor candidate" for treatment.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Facing ethics probes, Rangel drops tax leadership

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Buffeted by ethics inquiries, veteran New York Rep. Charles B. Rangel stepped down Wednesday as chairman of the House's powerful tax-writing committee, delivering a fresh political jolt to a Democratic Party already facing angry voters. The action also muddied the congressional picture on taxes, coming as the House moves toward difficult debate over large automatic increases that lie just over the horizon. The outcome will affect tens of millions of American taxpayers. Rangel's relinquishing of the Ways and Means Committee gavel spared colleagues from having to vote on a Republican-sponsored resolution to strip him of his post. But it also focused attention on ethical lapses by a top leader of a party that had promised to end a "culture of corruption" when it regained control of Congress in 2006 from Republicans.

### FAA suspends pair after boy radios pilots at JFK

**NEW YORK** (AP)—As planes waited to take off from Kennedy Airport, the jargon-packed radio chatter between controllers and pilots was interrupted by a young boy's voice: "JetBlue 171, cleared for takeoff." An air traffic controller who brought his son to work let the youngster read a few routine messages to pilots—and then brought in another child the next day—in an incident that amused pilots but not the Federal Aviation Administration. Authorities suspended the controller and a supervisor Wednesday after a recording of the radio calls was posted on the Internet, then reported by a Boston television station. "This lapse in judgment not only violated FAA's own policies, but common-sense standards for professional conduct. These kinds of distractions are totally unacceptable," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement. "This kind of behavior does not reflect the true caliber of our work force."

## Obama takes charge, demands vote on health care

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The end game at hand, President Barack Obama took command Wednesday of one final attempt by Democrats to enact bitterly contested health care legislation, calling for an "up or down vote" within weeks under rules denying Republicans the ability to kill the bill with mere talk.

Appearing before a White House audience of invited guests, many of them wearing white medical coats, Obama firmly rejected calls from Republicans to draft new legislation from scratch. "I don't see how another year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren't starting over," the president said, referring to a recent round of announced premium increases affecting millions who purchase individual coverage.

While Obama said he wanted action within a few weeks, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., seemed to hint a final outcome could take far longer. "We remain committed to this effort and we'll use every option available to deliver meaningful reform this year," he said.

The results will affect nearly every American, mandating major changes in the ways they receive and pay for health care or leaving in place current systems that leave tens of millions with no coverage and many others dissatisfied with what they do get. With Republicans united in opposition, there is no certainty about the outcome in Congress—or even that Democrats will go along with changes Obama urged on Wednesday in what he described as a bipartisan gesture.

With polls showing voters unhappy and Democrats worried about this fall's elections, Obama also sought to cast the coming showdown in terms larger than health care, which is an enormously ambitious undertaking in its own right. "At stake right now is not just our ability to solve this problem, but our ability to solve any problem," he said.

Republicans dug in for another struggle on an issue that they agreed would echo into the fall campaign.

The Senate GOP leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said a decision by Democrats to invoke rules that bar filibusters would be "met with outrage" by the public. "This is really not an argument between Democrats and Republicans. It's an argument between Democrats and the American people," he said.

At its core, the legislation under discussion still is largely along the lines Obama has long sought and GOP critics attack as a government takeover of health care. It would extend coverage care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans while cracking down on insurance company practices such as denying policies on the basis of a pre-existing medical conditions.

A new "insurance exchange" would be created in which private companies could sell policies to consumers under terms fixed by the federal government. Much of the cost of the legislation, nearly $1 trillion over a decade, would be financed by cuts in future Medicare payments to hospitals and other providers and higher payroll taxes on individuals earning more than $200,000 and couples over $250,000.

The president's appearance marked a presumably final pivot point in a long, uphill effort by Obama and other Democrats to enact far-reaching changes to the health care system—and with his own administration at an important crossroads. Eager to turn attention to efforts to stimulate the economy and create jobs, the president is seeking a victory on health care that can also give him a boost on other priority legislation.

At the same time, a defeat could damage Obama's ability to help fellow Democrats heading into the fall campaign. Failure on health care could well lead to a shake-up of the president's White House team, which has received criticism recently from Democratic lawmakers.

After nearly a year of struggle, the House and Senate passed separate bills late last year, and appeared on course for approving a final compromise version early in 2010.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REPORT**
**SANITARY LANDFILL, ROTA**
**RFP10-GOV-075**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for the Rota Sanitary Landfill to be located on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The complete Scope of Work for the EA services required will be available on Friday, March 05, 2010, at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan CNMI. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (US $50.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office, Maug Drive, Capitol Hill. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill at 10:00 AM,Wednesday, March 17, 2010 (Saipan local time). Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. N. Stanley Good, CIP Project Manager, or faxed to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., Saipan local time March 24, 2010.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and a Schedule of Completion, addressing the Scope of Work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified. Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications with resumes and experience for the responsible persons. The total proposal length shall not exceed thirty (30) pages in length. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Relevant qualification and experience of the firm, personnel and staff - 50%
   Include sufficient information to identify previous experience and the effectiveness of proposer on similar projects. List, at minimum, all similar projects conducted in the previous five (5) years. As there are a number of disciplines required in provision of this service, a specific listing of proposed sub-contractors, and their roles, is required as a part of any submittal. The relevant qualifications of these sub-contractors shall be considered in the rating
2. Ability to commit resources to the project - 25%
   As the CNMI feels this project is time dependant, a specific description of how the proposer would meet the schedule and what resources would be committed to the project is required. Proposal shall identify assigned staff, their roles and time committed to the project.
3. Suggested Approach - 25%
   The proposer shall provide a description of the proposed approach that will be used to complete the environmental assessment. Information provided should establish the proposers familirity with requirements for completion of an EA and show the method and schedule for completion of these requirements.
4. Proposed Costs to perform the EA report work - 0%

Performance time for completion of the EA design is three hundred eight (308) calendar days (44 weeks) upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed to submission of the Final Report as described in the Scope of Work document. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Dollars (US$250.00) for each and every working day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three ranked (3) firms. After a selection is made negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, will be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"RFP10- GOV-075, Environmental Assessment Report for the Rota Sanitary Landfill"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, April 05, 2010. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan local time, April 05, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 05, 2010, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than April 14, 2010 (Saipan local time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) . Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, CNMI Acting Governor /s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

# Asia

## Strong earthquake hits Taiwan; injuries reported

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—A powerful 6.4-magnitude earthquake rocked southern Taiwan on Thursday, causing widespread damage and disrupting communications around the island. Local news reports said several people were injured.

The quake was centered in the county of Kaohsiung, and struck at a depth of about 3.1 miles (5 kilometers). Kaohsiung is about 249 miles (400 kilometers) south of the capital Taipei.

No tsunami alert was issued.

Kuo Kai-wen, director of the Central Weather Bureau's Seismology Center, said the Taiwan quake was not geologically related to the temblor that hit Chile over the weekend, killing more than 800 people.

In the southern Taiwanese city of Tainan, a fire broke out in a textile factory shortly after Thursday's quake struck, sending huge plumes of black smoke billowing into the air. At least one train in southern Taiwan shifted slightly off its tracks, and authorities suspended service throughout the region. Subway service in the city of Kaohsiung was temporarily disrupted.

Power outages hit Taipei and at least one county to the south, and telephone service in some parts of Taiwan was spotty.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 30 militants, 1 soldier killed in Pakistan battle

**KHAR, Pakistan** (AP)—Dozens of militants armed with assault rifles attacked a security checkpoint in Pakistan's volatile northwest, sparking a gunbattle that left 30 insurgents and one soldier dead, officials said Thursday. The battle occurred overnight in the Chamarkand area of the Mohmand tribal region near the Afghan border, said government and military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. Chamarkand borders the Bajur tribal region, where the army said Tuesday it had finally defeated Taliban and al-Qaida militants after more than a year and a half of fighting. But the army made a similar declaration of victory in Bajur a year ago only to see violence continue, and officials acknowledged some of the militants may have fled to other areas.

#### SKorea: NKorea crossed border to hunt for defector

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—South Korea's military says several North Korean soldiers crossed the border into the South this week, apparently to pursue a defecting soldier. Military spokesman Park Sung-woo said Thursday the North Korean soldiers crossed the border about an hour after a fellow soldier fled to the South on Tuesday. He says they retreated after South Korean soldiers fired warning shots. Park says North Korean soldiers did not return fire. He says the defector is being questioned.

#### China announces 7.5 pct jump in defense spending

**BEIJING** (AP)—China announced Thursday a planned 7.5 percent boost in defense spending this year, a smaller increase than expected and the first time in more than two decades the jump has been less than double-digits. The increase will be used to enhance China's ability "to meet various threats," National People's Congress spokesman Li Zhaoxing told a nationally televised news conference. "China is committed to peaceful development and a military posture that is defensive in nature," Li said.


# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**ZONING BOARD TO HOST VILLAGE MEETINGS**

The Zoning Board and Office will hold a round of village meetings to seek comments about how the current zoning law is working, and will update and revise the current zoning law with the goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature. The public consultation and information campaign over the next two months will continue in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Meeting dates and locations which have been confirmed are:

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| **Tuesday, March 9, 2010** | **6:00 PM** | **Koblerville Village @ Koblerville Youth Center** |
| **Thursday, March 11, 2010** | **6:00 PM** | **San Antonio Village @ Hopwood Junior High School Cafeteria** |
| **Tuesday, March 23, 2010** | **6:00 PM** | **Garapan & Gualo Rai Villages @ Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria** |
| **Thursday, March 25, 2010** | **6:00 PM** | **San Jose Village @ Oleai Elementary School Cafeteria** |
| **Tuesday, March 30, 2010** | **6:00 PM** | **Tanapag Village @ Tanapag Social Hall** |

The Board encourages anyone with suggestions that might improve the language of the law, or changes to the zone boundaries to attend. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the meeting. Written suggestions may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, April 30, 2010 or they may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

Anyone with questions about the meetings may contact the Zoning Office by phone at 234-9661 or by e-mail at staff @zoning.gov.mp.

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson


# World

## Chile military delivers aid, but 1st helps its own

**CONCEPCION, Chile** (AP)—Four days after a deadly earthquake, Chile's military finally rolled out a massive humanitarian aid effort Wednesday that promised to improve an image long associated with dictatorship-era repression.

The dump trucks that soldiers spent all night helping fill with bags of food made their first deliveries in a neighborhood of military families who already had enough to eat.

After days of looting, rifle-toting troops occupied nearly every block of hard-hit Concepcion on Wednesday, enforcing a curfew that expired at noon with checkpoints throughout the city. With the streets more secure, they focused on aid.

Soldiers had worked overnight stuffing basics including flour, canned beans, cooking oil and tea into hundreds of plastic bags that volunteers loaded into dump trucks. Municipal workers then distributed the bags to survivors, many of whom had gone without fresh food or drinking water since Saturday's quake.

The convoy rolled minutes after the curfew expired—the first of many to deploy throughout the disaster area, army Lt. Col. Juan Carlos Andrades said.

Its first stop: A neighborhood inhabited by military families, next to army headquarters in Concepcion.

"This entire block belongs to the army," said Yanira Cifuentes, 31, the very first to get aid. She said her husband is an officer.

Cifuentes said the aid was welcome after days of sleeping in tents and sharing food with neighbors over a wood fire. But she also said the neighborhood hadn't gone hungry because residents had access to food at the regiment.

"Until now we have been OK, sharing everything with each other," she said.

Military officers who refused to give their names insisted their families were suffering, too, and said many soldiers have been working around the clock since the quake not knowing how their loved ones fared. Still, it was unclear who ordered the first food delivery to the military housing on General Novoa Avenue.

## Detained US missionary: I'd come back to Haiti

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP)—A U.S. Baptist missionary detained on suspicion of child trafficking in Haiti said Wednesday she would be ready to return again to the earthquake-ravaged country to work with children.

Laura Silsby told The Associated Press from her jail cell that she and nanny Charisa Coulter expect to be released soon, but would both readily come back despite their troubles here.

"Oh yes, both of us would come back to Haiti because there is so much need here, especially for the children," Silsby told an AP reporter at the airport-side police station where they are being held.

"We would definitely come back to help them once this misunderstanding or whatever you want to call it is sorted out."

Louis Ricardo Chachoute, a lawyer for the Americans, said he has asked that they be released without bail and believes it will happen by the end of the week, perhaps as early as Thursday. The decision is up to the judge in the case.

"What I can say is our clients are innocent," Chachoute said. "They only wanted to help."

The Idaho missionaries were detained with eight other Americans on Jan. 29 while trying to take 33 children from Haiti without the proper papers.

Silsby initially said the children were orphaned in the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed a government-estimated 230,000 people. But it was found the children had been given away by still-living parents.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil could decide on releasing the women at any time. He told AP he is awaiting a recommendation from prosecutors and could order their release even if authorities decide to continue investigating.

Silsby and Coulter denied any suggestion they were trafficking in children, saying that the group was arranging an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. Three witnesses were brought in to corroborate that story to Saint-Vil on Tuesday.

The missionary said she wants to go ahead with setting up that orphanage, taking in both earthquake victims and the children of Haitian migrant sugarcane cutters in the Dominican Republic.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Triple bombing kill 32 ahead of Iraqi vote

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Suicide bombers struck in quick succession Wednesday in a former insurgent stronghold northeast of Baghdad, killing at least 32 people just days before a crucial election that will determine who will govern the country as American forces depart. The blasts in Baqouba—including one by a bomber who rode in an ambulance to a hospital and blew himself up there—were the deadliest in more than a month and illustrated the challenges facing Iraqi forces trying to prove they can secure the country after the full withdrawal of U.S. forces by the end of next year.

#### Huge wave kills 2 on cruise ship in Mediterranean

**BARCELONA, Spain** (AP)—A 26-foot wave smashed into a cruise ship carrying nearly 2,000 people in the Mediterranean on Wednesday, smashing glass windshields and killing two passengers, according to officials and news reports. Another six people suffered light injuries, the Greek coast guard said in a statement. The victims were identified as a German and an Italian man. The ship asked for permission to dock in Barcelona and arrived at the Spanish port shortly after 9 p.m. (2200 GMT), the Spanish news agency Europa Press said.

#### Libya demands US apology for 'jihad' response

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP)—Libya on Wednesday demanded an apology for a joking remark by a U.S. official about the Libyan leader's call for a holy war against Switzerland. Last month Moammar Gadhafi appealed for a Muslim holy war because Switzerland banned building of new mosque minarets. At the Friday State Department briefing, spokesman Philip Crowley said he was reminded of Ghadafi's speech at the U.N. in September, noting, "I can recall lots of words and lots of papers flying all over the place, not necessarily a lot of sense."

# Off the Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Mass. newlywed couple spend 1st night in jail

**HYANNIS, Mass.** (AP)—A newlywed Massachusetts couple spent their wedding night in separate jail cells after police said the bride tried to run over an old flame of the groom. Police say 22-year-old Hyannis resident Marissa Ann Putignano-Keene tried Monday to run over the other woman and the woman's son in a parking lot. The intended victim later told police that she had previously been in an intimate relationship with the groom. Police say the couple got married at Barnstable Town Hall and split a bottle of Champagne afterward. The bride was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Her husband, 37-year-old Timothy Keene, was riding in the car with her and was charged with disorderly conduct. Both were released Tuesday. It was unclear if either had hired an attorney.

### Ky. deputy tries to shoot his way out of cell

**COLUMBIA, Ky.** (AP)—A Kentucky sheriff says a claustrophobic deputy has lost his job after accidentally locking himself in a jail cell and trying to shoot his way out of it. Adair County Sheriff Ralph Curry told WKYT-TV that no one was hurt when Charles Wright fired his weapon. It happened Monday, the first day a new $12.4 million county judicial center was open to the public after more than a year of construction. Curry says the former deputy has claustrophobia and has agreed to pay for the damage he did to the cell.

### Tacoma police find naked woman tied to a tree

**TACOMA, Wash.** (AP)—Several police officers responded to a 911 report of a naked woman tied to a tree in Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. Spokesman Mark Fulghum told The News Tribune officers talked with the woman and a man Tuesday in the Owen Beach area and determined it was a "consensual rendezvous." No one was arrested.

### Some unhappy with bikini ad for Perky Cups coffee

AURORA, Colo. (AP)—Officials said a bikini and the First Amendment provide enough coverage for a model advertising a suburban Denver coffee shop called Perky Cups. Aurora City Council member Molly Markert called the picture on the 10-by-20-foot banner "degrading to women," but she says it's legal. Markert said she had city employees measure the banner, and it conforms with city size restrictions. Robert Rogers, a city attorney, said the content is protected by the First Amendment. Perky Cups owner Jason Bernal said people have come into the shop to complain, but one stayed to buy a burrito and coffee. He said the sign has been great for business but he's not sure how long he'll leave it because of the complaints. He said he wants to be a good neighbor.

### Patients try to keep appointments with jailed doc

**COVINGTON, Ky.** (AP)—Patients of a northern Kentucky psychiatrist jailed on a charge he stabbed a woman with a sword have tried to keep appointments with him in jail. Kenton County jail Chief Deputy Scott Colvin said deputies have had to turn away several patients of Douglas Rank, charged last month with first-degree assault in an attack on 32-year-old woman. Colvin told the Kentucky Enquirer that some patients have asked if they could drop off Rank's prescription pad at the jail so he could write their prescriptions. Colvin said the requests have been denied, as prisoners are not allowed to practice their trade in jail. At a hearing Tuesday, witnesses said the psychiatrist towered over his bloodied patient with a sword in both hands before he was distracted and had the weapon wrestled away from him.

### Pa. man faces charges for 3 incidents in 3 hours

**LANCASTER, Pa.** (AP)—A central Pennsylvania man faces charges for three separate incidents involving police in a span of three hours. Manheim Township police said 49-year-old Mark E. Blaylock was charged with theft of services after allegedly refusing to pay a $69 cab fare around 11 a.m. About an hour later he was charged with public drunkenness after police said he was found lying on a road near his house. Another hour after that, authorities said Blaylock called 911 to request police assistance. Investigators said he was cited for reporting a medical emergency without good cause because he told officers he needed them to fill a prescription. Blaylock is facing a misdemeanor charge and a pair of summary offenses. A phone number for Blaylock could not immediately be located Wednesday.

### Mice infest UK's Westminster Palace in London

**LONDON** (AP)—The House of Lords has a momentous decision to make: Should it get cats to chase the mice that have infested one of Britain's most famous buildings? London's Houses of Parliament, also known as Westminster Palace, has rodents, and the peers aren't exactly sure what to do about it. Ivan Anthony Moore-Brabazon, the House's administration chief, on Wednesday turned down suggestions to acquire cats. He says the felines could ingest mice poison or wander around the chamber and disrupt business. He favors the current tactic of using poison and mousetraps. Parliament staff have reported daily sightings of the rodents in the palace's restaurants and bars. The performers' union Equity says nearby theaters in London's West End are facing similar problems, with three-quarters of actors and stage managers reporting infestations of mice, rats and fleas, according to The Guardian newspaper.

### Colo. family won't file appeal for frozen remains

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** (AP)—A Colorado family has decided not to appeal a judge's decision to allow their mother's remains to be cryogenically frozen. Seventy-one-year-old Mary Robbins signed a contract with Alcor Life Extension Foundation in 2006 and set aside $50,000 to keep her remains frozen. Robbins' daughter says her mother changed her mind before she died. But Alcor argued Robbins didn't complete the proper paperwork. In a settlement with the family, Alcor agreed to give the family the $50,000 annuity Robbins set aside for her preservation. Alcor will pay for the handling of Robbins' remains. Her head will be frozen, and the rest of her body will be cremated and returned to the family. A call to the family's attorney wasn't immediately returned.

### Cops: 'Distracted' drunken driver slams into home

**LEWISTON, Idaho** (AP)—A couple escaped unharmed after they left their kitchen for the living room, just moments before a pickup truck came crashing through the kitchen wall. Lewiston police said a drunken driver was apparently participating in sexual activity with a passenger when he lost control, left the road and drove a 2003 Dodge pickup through the house, coming to rest in a nearby yard. The Lewiston Tribune reported that neither the driver nor his passenger were injured. The driver was arrested on a misdemeanor drunken driving charge. The residents of the home, Teresa Roesner-Weatherby and her husband, Bill Weatherby, also escaped injury. Damage to the home is estimated at about $50,000.

### Conn. town warns residents about harmful hawk

**STONINGTON, Conn.** (AP)—Authorities say an aggressive red-tailed hawk has attacked at least five people recently in a Connecticut town, including a woman who needed medical care after being cut on the head. Police in Stonington, a shoreline town bordering Rhode Island, warned residents Wednesday by e-mail and through the town's reverse 911 system to watch out for the large hawk. Recess and gym classes at a nearby school were held indoors. Officials say the hawk has snatched a hat off a boy's head, snagged headphones from a man on a lawnmower and even attacked a car. On Tuesday, it gashed a woman's head so deeply that she was checked at a local hospital. The state Department of Environmental Protection is working with the city to find the bird and determine what to do about its aggressive behavior.

### RI woman accused of tossing coffee at parking cop

**BROOKLINE, Mass.** (AP)—A Rhode Island woman pleaded not guilty in Massachusetts to charges she threw a hot cup of coffee on a parking enforcement officer. Krystle Charley was arraigned Wednesday in Brookline District Court on charges including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Police said the 23-year-old resident of North Smithfield, R.I., tossed her coffee at 64-year-old Claire MacPherson in Brookline as MacPherson was writing out a $25 ticket for an expired meter on Tuesday. MacPherson was not hurt. Charley's friend, Vicky Curry, who witnessed the tossing, said it was MacPherson who was yelling at Charley. Charley was released on personal recognizance and ordered to return to court in April. It was unclear if she had hired an attorney.

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| **MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,**<br>**Plaintiff,**<br>**vs.**<br>**DIEGO SN DELA CRUZ and LEOLANIE R. DELA CRUZ,**<br>**Defendants.** | **Civil Action No. 06-0331-CV**<br>**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR AN ORDER OF SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY**<br>**Date: April 15, 2010**<br>**Time: 1:30 p.m.**<br>**Judge: David Wiseman** |

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the 15th day of April, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman on Plaintiff's Motion For an Order of Sale of Mortgaged Property in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, *Guma Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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**TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, KYLE E.M. ULECHONG and JENNIFER N.W. ULECHONG:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR** by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susuper Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the Complaint for Foreclosure by Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so, a default will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 25th day of November, 2009.

/s/ Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

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**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**
**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
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Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 9:00a.m. on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board's office at Bldg. #1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan. Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

**AGENDA**

**I. Meeting Call to Order**
**II. Determination of Quorum**
**III. Review and Adoption of Agenda**
**IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (8/11/09)**
**V. Chairman's Report**
**VI. Director's Report**
**VII. Investigator's Report**
**VIII. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature**
- A. Governor's Office
- B. Legislature

**IX. Old Business:**
- A. S.B. 17-08 Licensing of Contractors
- B. BPL Amendments Act of 2010
- C. Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations for Real Property Appraisers (published 12/09)

**X. New Business:**
**XI. Applications for Board's Review**
- A. New/Renewal Applications
- B. Pending Applications

**XII. Miscellaneous Business:**
**XIII. Executive Session –** The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session.
**XIV. Announcements**
**XV. Adjournment of Meeting**

/s/ Francisco Q. Guerrero
Chairman

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# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IRMA S. VILLAVICENCIO

RUBEN PALACIOS

ARMI CASTRO

This is to inform the public that the employees listed above have been terminated by **KAUILA ENTERPRISES dba IRMA'S CAFÉ & CATERING** effective February 1, 2010. Any transaction entered into by Ms. Villavicencio, Ms. Castro and Mr. Palacios in behalf of Irma's Café & Catering are not authorized. **THEIR CLAIMS OF BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP WITH IRMA'S CAFE ARE FALSE AND MISLEADING**.

/s/ **Al Cabael**
**President/Owner**
**KAUILA ENTERPRISES**

# Science & Technology

## Month-old mammoth mummy Lyuba set to appear at museum

By WILLIAM MULLEN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**CHICAGO**—Lyuba, the baby wooly mammoth that goes on display this week at the Field Museum, was preserved almost perfectly intact right down to her baby fat for 42,000 years in frigid Siberian river muck.

Now released from her icy grave, she is being preserved in much the same manner as another famous Russian relic, the body of Communist revolutionary Vladimir Lenin. It is a process called desiccation, removing all moisture from the body tissues.

MARK HOFFMAN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL/MCT

Tom Skwerski, left, of the Field Museum, and Daniel C. Fisher, curator of paleontology at the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology, position the remains of a 42,000-year-old wooly mammoth baby for a three-dimensional x-ray, February 11, 2010, at GE Healthcare Institute in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The baby, dubbed Lyuba, is on loan to The Field Museum for seven months from Russia and was in Waukesha for one day before being returned to the Chicago museum.

Only Lyuba's hair and toenails were missing when Siberian reindeer herders found her carcass in May, 2007, washed out from the frozen permafrost along Yuribey River in Siberia. Since then, her body, tiny tusks, internal organs and even the content of her stomach have been a wellspring of new scientific insight into mammoths and life in the ice ages.

A healthy infant that appears to have died in an accident, she is being leased by Russia to the museum for the exhibit, which begins Friday and runs through Sept. 6.

"There is no question at this point it is the best preserved, most complete wooly mammoth specimen ever found," said Daniel Fisher, an internationally renowned mastadon and mammoth expert at the University of Michigan and one of the first scientists to examine Lyuba. He is the curator of the exhibit, which is scheduled to tour 10 other cities around the world after leaving Chicago.

From her tiny tusks and teeth, Fisher concluded Lyuba was only 1 month old when she apparently fell into a quicksand-like riverbank and suffocated as she sucked mud into her mouth and trunk, frantically trying to free herself.

Soon covered completely, she was mummified from the cold, lack of oxygen and a bacteria that colonized her flesh, making it slightly acidic. The bacteria, Fisher said, could have acted as a preservative and given her flesh a foul odor and taste that discouraged wild animals from eating the remains when her carcass popped out of the permafrost and began thawing.

The bones of other animals from the same period show up with some frequency, but Fisher said "we never or almost never get soft tissues" — skin and internal organs. "What we see in Lyuba is barely different in chemistry from tissue in a living animal," he added.

Even her intestinal contents were preserved, helping confirm the diets of ice age mammoths. In Lyuba's case, they also found traces of adult feces, indicating that mammoth babies, like modern elephants, ate their mother's excrement as a source of bacteria they need for proper digestion.

Teams of Russian and international scientists have looked at Lyuba through CT scans and X-rays and have taken portions of her skin, bone, teeth and vital organs for study. Because she quickly captured the hearts of Russians, keeping Lyuba for posterity became a priority for Russian authorities.

HELP FILE

## How to click a Web site button you can't see

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Question: My son bought me a Dell Inspiron Mini PC, which works well but has one problem. When I receive an e-mail with a .pdf attachment and try to open it, the Adobe Reader software comes on the screen and asks me to accept its terms of use. But I can't scroll to the bottom of the form where the "Accept" button is. It seems that my screen is too small. What can I do?**

**Answer:** Several people who bought Dell Inspiron Mini PCs have reported this problem. Adobe's online Support Forum (tinyurl.com/ycy4wkf) suggests trying this keyboard combination: Press the Tab key (just above the Caps Lock button at the left of the keyboard.) Then push the right arrow key three times (the directional arrow keys are just to the left of the numeric keypad.) Then click the Enter key.

Why does it work? The forum says that this key combination skips through a series of screen buttons (which you can't see) to reach the Accept button. So you're actually "pushing" the button that accepts the Adobe user agreement without being able to see it.

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**Q: My home computer has been compromised by an annoying piece of malicious software called Antivir.exe. My anti-virus software doesn't detect it and I can't locate it on the computer to delete it manually. I've read online that I need to download a separate spyware cleaner program to get rid of Antivir.exe. But which one should I trust?**

**A:** Be glad this malware is only annoying. Some other variants of this software — which produce fake warning messages claiming a PC has a serious problem, then offer to sell you a downloadable program that will fix it — can slow PCs to a crawl and evade many antivirus programs. To get rid of your version, download the free Malwarebytes at tinyurl.com/ygezscs and let it scan your PC.

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**Q: Our daughter has shown us how to burn CDs, with iTunes. But the discs won't play on any of our CD players, although they do play on our DVD player. We've recorded these discs in what appears to be an absolutely standard manner. Any ideas?**

**A:** I suspect that you've used a DVD disk, which your CD players don't recognize. Buy a blank CD disc and try that.

Also, to make sure you're using the right disc format, be sure to choose Audio CD when prompted by iTunes, not the "Data CD" format that most CD players can't recognize. (Some CD players can play data disks containing MP3 music files.)

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
**RFP: 2010-CDA-06-RFP**

**CLOSING DATE: Friday, March 19, 2010**
**TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"APPRAISAL OF CDA'S PROPERTIES"**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, WAKIN'S BLDG., GUALO RAI, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS OR BY FACSIMILE REQUEST TO 235-7147.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is looking to hire individuals to fill the following full-time positions:

1. Administrator
2. Administrative Assistant
3. Records Assistant

**Closing Date: March 26, 2010**

A detailed copy describing the individual position is available at the MPLT Office located on the 1st Floor, Morgen Building in San Jose.

Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume and a cover letter to:
MPLT Trustees
Morgen Building, Suite #106
P.O. Box 501089
Saipan, MP 96950



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**FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
**MOWING, TRIMMING AND CLEANING OF PROPERTY GROUNDS**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**CPA-RFP-003-10**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposals for the mowing of grass, trimming of flowers and trees and cleaning of the airport grounds. The sealed cost proposals are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. Scope of work and area sketch shall be ready for pick up at the said office by Monday, February 22, 2010.

Please make arrangements with our Maintenance Department at telephone number 237-6532 for a site visit to better understand the scope of work and to identify the areas depicted on the sketch.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of the departure terminal.

Along with your proposal, the submission of proof of insurance, company past performance and experience, and a list of equipment are required to completely determine the company's capability to perform the work. The successful proposer shall enter into an agreement with CPA for a two-year term which is renewable thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date for another year or as determined by CPA. The renewal of agreement shall be contingent upon CPA's satisfaction of the company's performance and the availability of funding.

CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its sole decision to do so, is in its best interest.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director



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**FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
**PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE & DITCH GRASS CUTTING**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**CPA-RFP-002-10**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposals for the cutting of grass inside and outside along the perimeter fence. The sealed cost proposals are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. Scope of work and the area sketch shall be available for pick up at the said office by Monday, February 22, 2010.

Please make arrangements with our Operations Supervisor at telephone number 483-6517 for a site visit to better understand the scope of work and to identify the areas depicted on the sketch.

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# Life & Style

## 4 days to go: Oscar producers move into the Kodak

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Oscar producers Adam Shankman and Bill Mechanic are bridging stage and screen with an advanced, automated set at the Kodak Theatre and a super high-tech program planned for TV viewers.

After days of technical tests on their stage setup, Shankman and Mechanic moved into the Kodak Theatre Wednesday, where they're seeing their whole show come to life—in person and on screen.

"Today's the first day we're up fully running," Mechanic says. "We had three days of tech and now it's camera..."

"Camera, scripting, scenic transition, we're camera-blocking some stuff," Shankman says, finishing his partner's sentence.

"This is probably as technically advanced a show as you've ever seen or as you will have ever seen," Mechanic says.

"But what I really like about it, and yes that's true," Shankman says. "But on the monitors it actually looks much more simple in a weird way. It's elegant and it is more advanced but it's actually very focused and very simple."

Mechanic says the March 7 Oscar show "is actually probably better for TV" than many of its predecessors. Then he showed a reporter a brief, high-tech treat for TV audiences that those at the Kodak probably won't see.

The two men—Mechanic a studio chief, Shankman a producer, director and choreographer—met through the Oscar gig, and the show they're planning is "an amalgam of our talents," Mechanic says.

## Barbara Walters: Last Oscars TV special the best

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Barbara Walters says her last Oscars television special will be her best.

Walters will sit down with actresses Sandra Bullock and Mo'Nique, both nominated for Academy Awards. Bullock is up for Best Actress for "The Blind Side," and Mo'Nique is nominated for Best Supporting Actress for "Precious."

Walters

Walters said she believes both will win.

By bidding adieu, Walters is ending a 29-year-old tradition of talking to celebrities on Hollywood's biggest night. It wasn't until 1988, though, that she began interviewing nominees.

"For the first seven years we were not allowed to interview any of the nominees because the (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) thought it would interfere with their Oscar special," Walters said.

That year she sat down with Glenn Close and Cher, who were contenders for Best Actress. Cher ended up taking the award for her role in "Moonstruck."

While Walters, 80, is known for getting stars to open up and often tear up on camera, she says the celebrity interview has become less special in recent years and many stars are overexposed.

## And the Oscar goes to...

By JULIE HINDS
DETROIT FREE PRESS

Until the envelopes are opened, you never really know who'll win at the Oscars.

Surprises like "Brokeback Mountain" losing to "Crash" in 2006 and Marisa Tomei taking home the golden guy for "My Cousin Vinny" in 1992 are examples of what keeps the show so fascinating. Still, it's fun to make predictions, like these for some of the major contests of this year's Oscars.

### BEST ACTOR

Jeff Bridges ("Crazy Heart"), George Clooney ("Up in the Air"), Colin Firth ("A Single Man"), Morgan Freeman ("Invictus"), Jeremy Renner ("The Hurt Locker"). Will win: Jeff Bridges. Although George Clooney's charm was the wind beneath the wings of "Up in the Air," lovable veteran Bridges is expected to finally get an Oscar for his understated acting.

### BEST ACTRESS

Sandra Bullock ("The Blind Side"), Helen Mirren ("The Last Station"), Carey Mulligan ("An Education"), Gabourey Sidibe ("Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire"), Meryl Streep ("Julie & Julia"). Will win: Meryl Streep. It's a close race between her and fan favorite Bullock, who just had her best box-office year ever. But Streep's performance as Julia Child was as rich and satisfying as a perfect meal. Look for her to nab her first win since the 1980s.

### BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Matt Damon ("Invictus"), Woody Harrelson ("The Messenger"), Christopher Plummer ("The Last Station"), Stanley Tucci ("The Lovely Bones"), Christoph Waltz ("Inglourious Basterds"). Will win: Christoph Waltz. A veteran Austrian actor who's become an overnight star, he has heaps of prizes already for his vivid portrayal of a Nazi officer in Quentin Tarantino's rewrite of World War II. The consensus is he's almost guaranteed a win.

### BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Penelope Cruz ("Nine"), Vera Farmiga ("Up in the Air"), Maggie Gyllenhaal ("Crazy Heart"), Anna Kendrick ("Up in the Air"), Mo'Nique ("Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire"). Will win: Mo'Nique. Her fierce, unflinching portrayal of an abusive mother was a breakout performance for the comedy star. She's another nominee who's considered a sure thing to take home a statuette.

### BEST PICTURE

"Avatar," "The Blind Side," "District 9," "An Education," "The Hurt Locker," "Inglourious Basterds," "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire," "A Serious Man," "Up," "Up in the Air." Will win: "Avatar." This one isn't easy. "The Hurt Locker," the small-budget, wrenching drama about a bomb-defusing squad, seems like the current frontrunner. Still, Oscar voters may reward "Avatar" for its blockbuster box office by making it the first science-fiction movie to win top honors.

### Counting the votes

*For the first time since 1944, 10 films have been nominated for best picture and a new method will be used to determine the winner.*

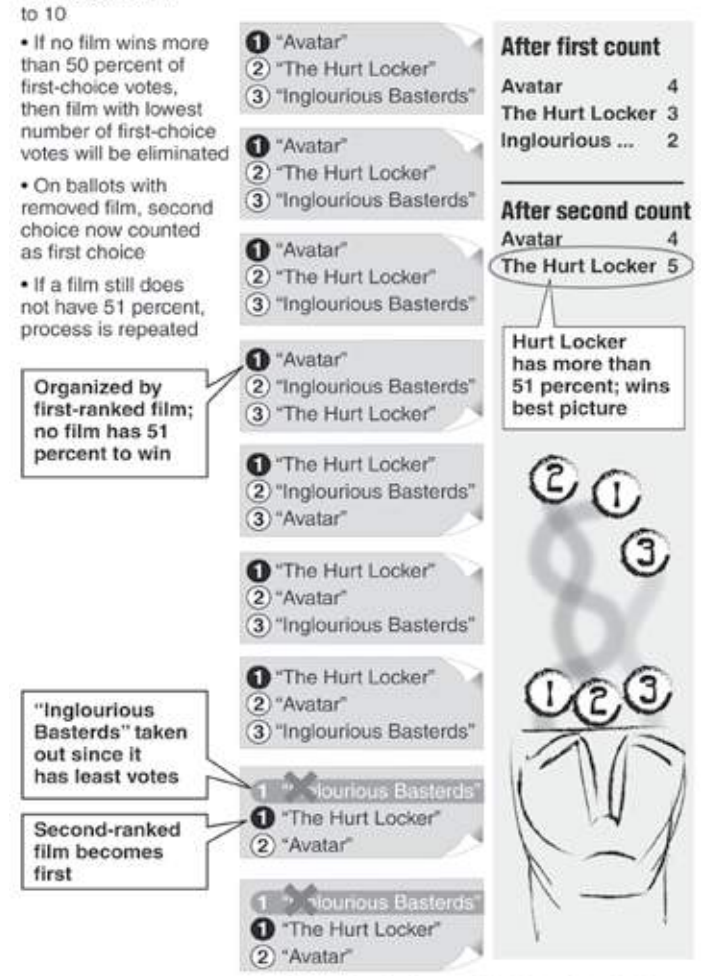
**Voting procedure**

- Instead of voting for one film, members will rank best picture nominees from 1 to 10
- If no film wins more than 50 percent of first-choice votes, then film with lowest number of first-choice votes will be eliminated
- On ballots with removed film, second choice now counted as first choice
- If a film still does not have 51 percent, process is repeated

**Second place could win**

New voting method may mean a film wins best picture without getting the most first-place votes

**Example of how that is possible; nine ballots ranking top three films:**


1 "Avatar"
2 "The Hurt Locker"
3 "Inglourious Basterds"
Organized by first-ranked film; no film has 51 percent to win
"Inglourious Basterds" taken out since it has least votes
Second-ranked film becomes first
After first count
Avatar 4
The Hurt Locker 3
Inglourious ... 2
After second count
Avatar 4
The Hurt Locker 5
Hurt Locker has more than 51 percent; wins best picture

Source: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
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**Head Start Policy Council**
**Agenda**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on March 11, 2010 (Thursday) from 4:00pm-7:00pm, Tanapag Head Start Center Resource Room, Saipan.

I. **Preliminary Matters**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Quorum
  4. Adoption of Agenda
  5. Adoption of Minutes
    a. January 13, 2010-Regular Meeting
    b. January 21, 2010-Special Meeting
    c. February 26, 2010-Special Meeting

II. **Public Comments**

III. **Communications**
  1. From the State Board of Education
  2. From the Office of Head Start

IV. **Monthly Reports**
  1. Director
  2. Managers
  3. Finance
  4. Council Standing Committees
    a. Personnel
    b. Education
    c. Executive
    d. Finance
    e. Public Relations

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**
  1. Action Items:
    a. Approval of Recommendation for Hire
    b. Approval of 2009-2010 Updated Community Assessment Report
    c. Approval of 2010-2011 Head Start Basic Grant Application

VII. **Executive Session**

VIII. **Next Meeting**

IX. **Adjournment**

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

/s/ Ms. Malou Ernest
Acting Chairperson

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# PUBLICE NOTICE FOR HEARING

**Friday, March 5, 2010, First Notice**
**Friday, March 12, 2010, Second Notice**

The Employee and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing to address the matter of the complaint. This notice will serve as a "Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing". For information, please contact Investigator Jeffrey T. Camacho at 236-0900 ext. 275.

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***Mimi "Ivy" Del Rosario Mendiola (wife)***
***Children***


# Hathaway, Bonham Carter are queens for a day

By RICK BENTLEY
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

**LOS ANGELES**—Anne Hathaway and Helena Bonham Carter aren't obvious choices to play sisters. Hathaway's a tall brunette who looks like she just came from a Vogue fashion shoot. Carter's shorter, with a freestyle hairdo that looks like she just rolled out of bed.

But the actresses do play sisters—the White Queen and Red Queen—in the new Tim Burton movie "Alice in Wonderland." Their approaches to the roles were as different as their looks.

Hathaway

Hathaway designed her character from the inside, making the White Queen a pacifist Vegan who's into rock music. Film legend Greta Garbo and the rock band Blondie were inspirations.

"The pacifist thing was in the script. My character has taken a vow of non-violence. But it's also in the script that when she talks about it, she hits a bug. It gave me the idea that she's taken this vow against her will," Hathaway says.

She decided that while the White Queen would appear to be an adorable, loving person, she would have a hidden murderous streak that comes out when she's around weaponry.

Garbo was Hathaway's model for how the character effortlessly moved across the screen, and the music of Blondie inspired the bad-girl streak.

"I imagined her in mosh pits. She wouldn't be hitting anyone, but bumping into people really hard," Hathaway says with a smile.

Hathaway also brought a bit of her own past to the role. When she was in the fifth grade, a teacher made her memorize and recite "Jabberwocky," the famous nonsense poem by Lewis Carroll, who also wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

She begged Burton to let her recite the work during the film's final battle sequence. He assured her it would never be in the movie but she just wanted to do it for her own "sense of completion." The poem was recited but, as promised, didn't make the final cut.

Carter's approach to her character started on the outside because of the mounds of makeup and special effects needed to make the Red Queen a big-headed tyrant.

She spent 2 1/2 hours in the makeup chair every morning. That was no big deal to Carter, who spent four hours a day getting made up for the remake of "Planet of the Apes," another film directed by Burton, her domestic partner.

Carter

"He likes putting makeup on me. Likes to deform," Carter says. "I love it. I always like looking as different as I can."

She's accomplished that with the Red Queen through a gigantic wig, garish makeup and—enhanced by a special camera—a head so big she looks like a living bobblehead doll.

The reaction of Carter's 1-year-old daughter after seeing her in the Red Queen's outlandish makeup was a surprise.

"My daughter just went 'Mommy!' That must be what I look like at home. My son just didn't want to look at me," Carter says.

The special effects-modified character is more in line with roles Carter is getting these days. The 43-year-old London native says as she's grown older, she has had fewer opportunities to play sex symbols and more to play villains. She's OK with that.

"Whatever is well written, and if there is someone behind the camera that knows what they are doing, then I'll act in anything," Carter says.


*In Celebration of Her New Life*

# JUANITA SABLAN MENDIOLA FLEMING

(Juanitan Damoa)

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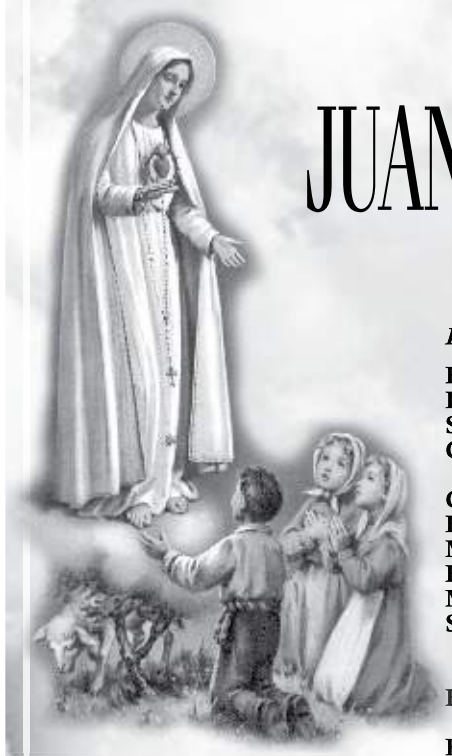

***In her new life, she now joins her:***

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| **Grandchildren:** | †Charles Henry Cruz Fleming |
| | †Maria Fleming Villagomez |
| **Great-Grand:** | †Angelina F. Nogis |
| **Father:** | †Joaquin Mendiola Mendiola (Joaquin Damoa) |
| **Mother:** | †Dolores Sablan Mendiola |
| **Father In-Law:** | †Henry Gordon Fleming |
| **Mother In-Law:** | †Consolacion Flores Fleming |
| **Sisters & Brothers in-law:** | †Rita S. Mendiola |
| | †Maria S. & Ramon Cabrera |
| | †Theodora M. & †Ramon Bermudes |
| **Brothers & Sisters in-law:** | †Juan S. Mendiola & †Rosalia V. Mendiola |
| | †Esteban S. Mendiola |
| **Brothers in-law:** | †Jesus Arriola |
| | †Froilan Camacho / †Miguel Magofna |
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| | †Rodney Bordallo |
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**Vivian Fleming & Jesse Manibusan** *(Gloria Gean)*
**Alicia Fleming** *(Renaesha & Jonathan, Jose, Rita, Juanita)*
**Tania & Peter John Mesa** *(Elijah, Noah, Isaiah)*

She will also be missed and remembered in the hearts of her 41 great grand children, god-children, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Daily mass is being offered at 6:00 a.m. and nightly rosary is being said at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

**On Tuesday, March 09, 2010, her remains will arrive at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 11:00am.**

Mass for Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00 pm. Interment services will follow immediately after at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase,

**THE FAMILY**

# SNL 'presidents' gather for Web video summit

AP

In this online video image released by FunnyorDie.com, from left, Dana Carvey as President George H.W. Bush, Maya Rudolph as first lady Michelle Obama, Dan Aykroyd as President Jimmy Carter, Will Ferrell as President George W. Bush, director Ron Howard, Darrell Hammond as President Bill Clinton, Fred Armisen as President Barack Obama, Jim Carrey as President Ronald Reagan and Chevy Chase as President Gerald Ford are shown on the set of a video promoting financial reform.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The comedians who played presidents on "Saturday Night Live" have gathered for a comedic summit in a new Web video on FunnyOrDie.com.

The video, posted Wednesday, stars Fred Armisen as President Barack Obama. During the night he is visited by the ghosts of presidents past, who urge him to push for financial reform.

Will Ferrell reprises his President George W. Bush, Darrell Hammond plays President Bill Clinton, Dana Carvey returns as President George H.W. Bush, Dan Aykroyd plays President Jimmy Carter and Chevy Chase returns as President Gerald Ford.

Jim Carrey, the lone comedian not a veteran of "SNL," appears as Ronald Reagan. The "SNL" player who typically played Reagan on the show was Phil Hartman, who died in 1998. (Maya Rudolph, another former "SNL" cast member, also plays Michelle Obama.)

The video was directed by Ron Howard, who previously worked with Funny Or Die for a popular video that brought him back to his days with "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Happy Days" to support Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

Wednesday's video was also created with a political motive—made in association with Americans for Financial Reform, a pro-regulation coalition of labor and consumer activists.

"All it's meant to do is capture the attention, present a question and stimulate some thought," Howard said in a phone interview.

It was written by "Simpsons" writer Al Jean and Adam McKay, the film director who co-founded FunnyOrDie.com with Ferrell and who was a writer for "Saturday Night Live" from 1995-2001.

It's believed to be the first time all the major presidential impersonators from "SNL" who are still alive were reunited for a sketch.

# Army bomb expert claims 'Hurt Locker' based on him

**SOUTHFIELD, Mich.** (AP)—An Army bomb disposal expert who served in the Iraq war is suing the makers of "The Hurt Locker," claiming the Oscar-nominated film's lead character is based on him and that they cheated him out of "financial participation" in the film.

Attorney Geoffrey Fieger said Wednesday that he filed the lawsuit in New Jersey federal court on behalf of Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver. He declined to specify how much money his client was seeking.

Sarver, of Clarksville, Tenn., claims screenwriter Mark Boal was embedded in his three-person unit and that the information he gathered was used in the film, Fieger said. The film is nominated for nine Academy Awards, including best original screenplay.

AP

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver is seen during a news conference in Southfield, Mich., Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Sarver says Will James, the film's main character (portrayed by Oscar nominee Jeremy Renner), is based on him and that James' call signal, "Blaster One," was uniquely his during his tours of duty, Fieger said. Sarver also says he coined the phrase "The Hurt Locker."

Fieger said Boal's embedded reporting—over 30 days in 2004—led to an article the following year in Playboy magazine about Sarver, and that the story later was adapted by Boal for "The Hurt Locker" screenplay.

# Veterans criticize Cameron for A-bomb book defense

**NEW YORK** (AP)—An organization of World War II veterans is unhappy with James Cameron's support for a discredited history of the atomic bombing of Japan that the director has optioned for a possible film.

Members of the 509th Composite Group, which consists of veterans and relatives of those who carried out the 1945 attacks, said in a statement Wednesday that many aspects of Charles Pellegrino's "The Last Train from Hiroshima" are "complete fiction and cause great damage to true history."

Henry Holt and Company, responding to concerns raised by The Associated Press, announced Monday that it had ceased publication of the book. The AP questioned the existence of two men in the book: Father Mattias (the first name is not given), who supposedly lived in Hiroshima at the time of the bombing and committed suicide, and John MacQuitty, identified as a Jesuit scholar who presided over Mattias' funeral. Holt said Monday that Pellegrino did not offer a satisfactory answer.

But Cameron, whose "Avatar" has been nominated for nine Academy Awards, defended Pellegrino in an e-mail sent Tuesday to the AP.

"All I know is that Charlie would not fabricate, so there must be a reason for the misunderstanding," the filmmaker said in the e-mail. Cameron wrote that he had long sought to do a movie on the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, "and still intend to do so, although I currently do not have a shooting script and no decision has been made to proceed in the short term."

# No charges for Naomi Campbell in NYC driver flap

**NEW YORK** (AP) — A man hired to drive Naomi Campbell told police she assaulted him from the back seat of a luxury sport utility vehicle on Tuesday before hopping out and running away, but the supermodel likely won't face criminal charges.

Police consulted with the Manhattan district attorney's office and issued a harassment report, which doesn't carry any penalty, because no officer witnessed what took place between the driver and Campbell, whose feisty temper has led to previous legal troubles. They said no arrests were anticipated.

The driver, who also drives Campbell's boyfriend, decided not to pursue the matter criminally. It's unclear if he would pursue it in civil court.

Earlier Tuesday, the man told police Campbell hit him from behind and his head struck the steering wheel of the black Cadillac Escalade, causing bruising under his right eye. He pulled over in midtown Manhattan and got out to speak to a traffic agent, who alerted police. Campbell was not at the scene when officers arrived, police said.

Campbell did not speak to police, but her assistant went to the station house where the driver gave his account. A spokesman for Campbell, who has previously pleaded guilty to assaulting people hired to work for her, said she would cooperate with police.

"There shouldn't be a rush to judgment," spokesman Jeff Raymond said. "Naomi will cooperate voluntarily, and there is more to the story than meets the eye."

The 27-year-old driver, apparently hired just for the day, told police he picked Campbell up at a Manhattan hotel and was taking her to Astoria Studios, a TV and film studio complex in the borough of Queens, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.


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Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway
Fantasy • Rated PG

Synopsis
Tim Burton takes a stab at Lewis Carroll's timeless tale of a young girl (Mia Wasikowska) lost within a fantasyland with this 3-D production of Alice in Wonderland. The Lion King's Linda Woolverton provides the script, with Hollywood heavyweights Richard Zanuck and Joe Roth heading up the production team. Burton veteran collaborator Johnny Depp co-stars as The Mad Hatter in the Walt Disney Productions picture.

Dear John

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Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried
Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Director Lasse Hallström and screenwriter Jamie Linden collaborate to adapt author Nicholas Sparks' novel about a young soldier who falls for an idealistic college girl. Savannah Curtis (Amanda Seyfried) was on spring break when she first met John Tyree (Channing Tatum), who was home on temporary leave. For the smitten soldier it was practically love at first sight. Over the course of the next seven years, when each deployment seemed more treacherous than the last, the love letters that Savannah sent to John were one of the only things that kept him going.

Shutter Island

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Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo
Thriller • Rated R

Synopsis
Mark Ruffalo and Leonardo DiCaprio team up as a pair of U.S. Marshals who travel to a secluded island off the coast of Massachusetts to search for an escaped mental patient, uncovering a web of deception along the way as they battle the forces of nature and a prison riot in this Martin Scorsese-helmed period picture. Laeta Kalogridis adapts Dennis Lehane's novel of the same name, with Paramount Pictures and Columbia Pictures splitting production and distribution duties.

The Lightning Thief

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Logan Lerman, Pierce Brosnan
Fantasy • Rated PG

Cop Out

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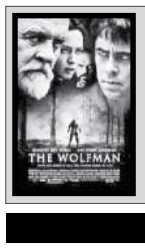
Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
Comedy • Rated R



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Benicio del Toro, Anthony Hopkins
Horror • Rated R

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Julia Roberts, Anne Hathaway
Comedy • Rated PG 13

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# 'Idol' semifinalist Bowersox's future uncertain

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A medical issue could take Crystal Bowersox out of "American Idol."

"Idol" executive producer Ken Warwick told host Ryan Seacrest on his radio show Wednesday morning that if the 24-year-old dreadlocked singer from Toledo, Ohio, doesn't sing for viewer votes Wednesday, then only one female semifinalist would be eliminated from the Fox singing competition this week alongside two male semifinalists.

Bowersox also plays the guitar and harmonica. She was supposed to perform Tuesday with the nine other semifinalists, but she was hospitalized and unable to take the stage. In a last-minute switcheroo, the 10 male semifinalists performed Tuesday instead of the women.

Warwick wasn't specific on Bowersox's medical malady, only saying it stemmed from a condition that producers were aware of from the beginning.

# Sarah Palin working on book about virtues and strengths

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Sarah Palin is ready for the next chapter of her publishing career.

Publisher HarperCollins announced Wednesday that the former Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential candidate is working on a "celebration of American virtues and strengths." The book is currently untitled and no release date has been set.

Palin's memoir, "Going Rogue," released last year by HarperCollins, has sold more than 2 million copies. Her new work will "include selections from classic and contemporary readings that have inspired her, as well as portraits of some of the extraordinary men and women she admires and who embody her love of country, faith, and family," the publisher's statement reads.

"She will also draw from her personal experience to amplify these timely — and timeless— themes."

In an e-mail Wednesday, HarperCollins publisher Jonathan Burnham said that "a number of ideas and concepts" were explored with Palin. "This is the idea which appealed the most to her," he said, adding that she is currently "gathering ideas and identifying favorite texts and examples."

Burnham declined comment on financial terms. As with "Going Rogue," Palin was represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, whose clients include President Obama and former President George W. Bush.

In this Sept. 3, 2008 file photo, Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, pumps her fist during her speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

AP

# Burt Reynolds released from hospital after bypass

**JUPITER, Fla.** (AP)—Burt Reynolds' manager says the actor has been released from a Florida hospital after a planned heart bypass operation. Erik Kritzer said in a statement Wednesday that Reynolds had been scheduled for the operation for over a month.

Reynolds

Kritzer said Reynolds went into the hospital on Monday and was discharged Tuesday.

Kritzer says the star of "Smokey and the Bandit," "Deliverance" and "Boogie Nights" told him that he has "a great motor with brand new pipes" and is "feeling great."

Last year, Reynolds spent time in a Florida rehab center after treatment for painkiller abuse following back surgery.

Reynolds is 74.

# Baritone goes sky-high to get rid of heights fear

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Star baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky is fearless when reaching for musical heights. But the Russian singer says he's always been scared of physical heights—even on stage sets.

So he decided to tackle his fear by reaching sky-high—literally.

The 47-year-old, silver-haired opera singer parachuted from a plane over Florida in December. The proof is a video on his new Facebook page as he dropped at more than 100 mph.

"I had to do that, because it's another way to challenge yourself, and life is all about challenges," he said in a recent interview. "I'm so used to adrenaline, in everything I do."

He acknowledges that "in some crazy productions, when I'm up very high, I'm trembling."

On Saturday, the Metropolitan Opera star will take on another sort of adventure: A show at New York's Radio City Music Hall featuring the pop songs of Russian composer Igor Krutoi.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Keyshia Cole, Cavaliers' Gibson announce baby boy

**NEW YORK** (AP) — Singer Keyshia Cole and Daniel Gibson, a basketball player with the Cleveland Cavaliers, have announced the birth of their son. Cole's publicist, Tresa Sanders, says in a statement to The Associated Press that Daniel Hiram Gibson Jr. was born Tuesday evening. He weighs 7 pounds, 3 ounces (3.2 kilograms). Sanders says "mother and baby are doing great" and Cole would especially like to thank her fans. The 28-year-old Cole is a Grammy Award-nominated R&B performer who has starred in her own BET reality show, "Keyshia Cole: The Way It Is." The 24-year-old Gibson was drafted by Cleveland in 2006. They're engaged.

### Jimmy Buffett flies down to a Haiti 'worth saving'

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** (AP) — Jimmy Buffett may sing about "Surfing in a Hurricane," but cruising through Haiti's earthquake-ravaged capital nearly left the singer without words. "It's like it was bombed," the singer told The Associated Press after touring the ravaged country's capital. Buffett loaded his seaplane with tents for some of the 1.2 million Haitians who lost their homes and set a course for the Caribbean nation on Tuesday. The singer is a lover of Haitian music who has his own room named after him at the famed Hotel Oloffson. "Haiti's something worth saving to me," he said. He was convinced to make his first visit to Haiti since 1994 because of the needs of so many after the magnitude-7 quake struck on Jan. 12. On Tuesday, he was escorted by U.S. Embassy security personnel past downtown and the destroyed national cathedral.

### Bon Jovi to promote service at concert tour stops

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Singer Jon Bon Jovi is hoping to rouse the crowds at his concerts into volunteering. The rock star will promote President Barack Obama's service initiative "United We Serve" in a video to run at 30 concert venues in the U.S., starting Thursday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. AmeriCorps members and volunteers from local nonprofits will also be on hand to talk with concertgoers about how to find or create community service jobs through the program's Web site. Obama doesn't appear in the video and isn't even mentioned, but Bon Jovi talks about the importance of lending a hand. "We can tackle the tough challenges we face and build community through service and volunteering," Bon Jovi says in the roughly two-minute video. "The reality is, we're all in this together." The video shows pictures of people working on homes, helping children and painting, and directs people to the "United We Serve" Web site. A similar 60-second public service announcement that includes pictures of Obama and his wife, Michelle, is scheduled to air on television in the cities on Bon Jovi's tour.

### Erik Estrada urges funding for real life US cops

**RICHMOND, Virginia** (AP) — Erik Estrada played a police officer on television, and now he's asking the Virginia legislature to support investigators who use the Internet to catch sexual predators. Estrada is best known as "Ponch" on the 1970s motorcycle cop show "CHiPs." He's also a certified member of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He appeared at the state Capitol on Wednesday to urge passage of a bill that would add $10 to every criminal conviction to generate at least $1.8 million a year. The money would help fund the state's two task forces that focus on Internet crimes against children. Estrada said that if lawmakers saw images of infants being abused like he had they would make sure investigators had the money to go after predators.

# Man's inner beauty is masked by a scary mole on his back

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating a guy who is wonderful, caring -- everything a woman would want. There's just one problem. When he takes off his shirt, he has an extremely ugly mole. It looks suspicious and is irregularly shaped. I can't stand looking at it, but my eyes are drawn to it like to a car wreck. To top it off, it has hair growing out of it.

I know he probably pays no attention to it because it's on his back. But I see it staring back at me. How do you tell a loving and caring man that you're turned off by his scary mole?

GROSSED OUT IN OKLAHOMA CITY

**DEAR GROSSED OUT: Because man was not born equipped with a rearview mirror, it takes a caring friend to tell him—or her—what's going on behind his/her back. It's not necessary to say that you are "grossed out" at the sight of the mole. All you need to say is: "Honey, you have a large, irregularly shaped mole on your back that looks suspicious. It doesn't look right, and you need to have it checked out by a dermatologist as soon as possible because I'm worried about you."**

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**DEAR ABBY:** It's tax season, and once again, my husband and I are faced with our annual "conflict." We buy a tax program for our computer and do our own taxes. Every year, one of our daughters has my husband do her taxes. After he completes them, he returns the forms so she and her husband can sign them. The problem is, they never pay the taxes they owe.

My daughter and son-in-law owe thousands of dollars, and I know they risk being audited by the IRS. If that happens, I am sure the kids will say that my husband actually did the taxes, which could draw us into their problem. It might even target us to be audited. I don't want to be dragged into this potential problem. My husband thinks I'm being silly and borrowing trouble unnecessarily. What do you think?

HONEST TAXPAYER IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR HONEST TAXPAYER: Because your husband is preparing the tax return as a favor and not being paid, I doubt he will get into trouble. But there's a good chance your daughter and her husband will. What she needs to do is contact the IRS and work out some kind of workable payment plan. And as loving parents, you and your husband should encourage them to act like responsible adults and do that.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 48-year-old divorced man who has been dating a divorcee for five years. Last night I asked her to marry me, only to be told she was not ready and afraid of being hurt again.

Should I stay in this relationship, or stop seeing her and try to start another relationship? I'm afraid that staying in this one much longer will prevent me from finding someone else who would marry me.

REJECTED AND DEJECTED IN OHIO

**DEAR DEJECTED: After five years of dating, the lady should have some idea of how trustworthy you are. Because she's gun-shy, offer to go with her to some counseling sessions in order to allay her fears. If she's willing, continue the relationship a little longer. If she's not, then your instincts are correct, and it's time to move on.**

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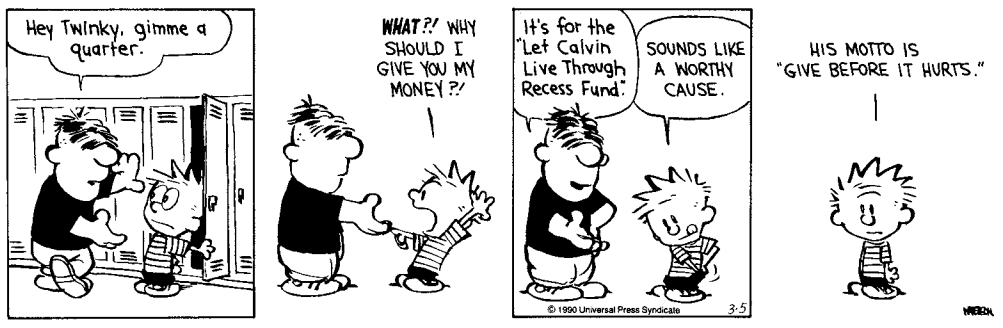
*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

*What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby – Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


Hey Twinky, gimme a quarter.
WHAT?! WHY SHOULD I GIVE YOU MY MONEY?!
It's for the "Let Calvin Live Through Recess Fund."
SOUNDS LIKE A WORTHY CAUSE.
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HIS MOTTO IS "GIVE BEFORE IT HURTS."

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

THIS STEALING FOOD STUFF HAS GOT TO STOP. UNDERSTOOD?
UNDERSTOOD
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OKAY, GIVE ME A HUG
THAT IS ONE UGLY PHOTO I.D.
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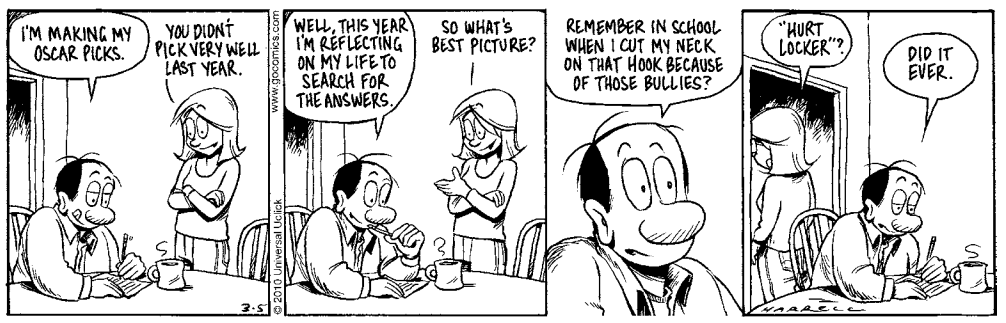
JIM DAVIS 3-5

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


I'M MAKING MY OSCAR PICKS.
YOU DIDN'T PICK VERY WELL LAST YEAR.
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WELL, THIS YEAR I'M REFLECTING ON MY LIFE TO SEARCH FOR THE ANSWERS.
SO WHAT'S BEST PICTURE?
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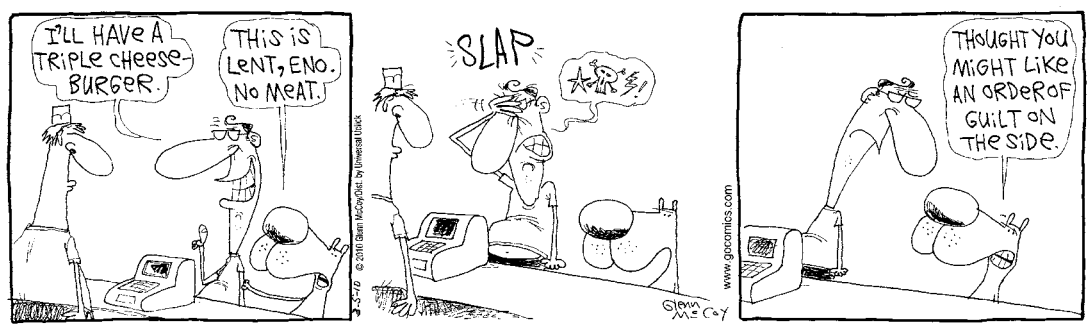
REMEMBER IN SCHOOL WHEN I CUT MY NECK ON THAT HOOK BECAUSE OF THOSE BULLIES?
"HURT LOCKER"?
DID IT EVER.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Miss Piggy's pronoun
4 Second-year student
8 Entreat
12 Rowing need
13 Actress Spelling
14 Obey reveille
15 Unreservedly
17 "My bad"
18 Soda shoppe treat
19 Chick's mama
21 On in years
22 Stymie
26 Leaves out
29 Proscribe
30 Peculiar
31 Bart's sister
32 Director's cry
33 Disposition
34 Barn resident
35 Comedian
36 Abdomen
37 Cravat accessory
39 Drunkard
40 "I" trouble
41 Consecrate with oil
45 Stretched to the limit
48 Trivial funds
50 Winnow
51 "Do — others ..."
52 Upper bound
53 Tactic
54 Card game for three
55 Mimic

**DOWN**
1 Takes blades to blades
2 Honolulu's home
3 Unyielding
4 Plagiarizes
5 Reacted to fireworks
6 Expert
7 Snobbish
8 Tine
9 "Flying Down to —"
10 Venomous viper
11 "Undeniably"
16 Parkinson's medication
20 Many millennia
23 Implement
24 Pedestal occupant
25 Vortex
26 Coin aperture
27 New Zealand bird
28 Capri, e.g.
29 Annoy
32 Big star in Carina
33 Tag-along's remark
35 Peruke
36 Witticism
38 Insignificant
39 Annual visitor
42 Bygone Peruvian
43 Kind of tide
44 Work at the keyboard
45 Recipe meas.
46 Be under the weather
47 Extraterrestrial's transportation
49 Squid squirt

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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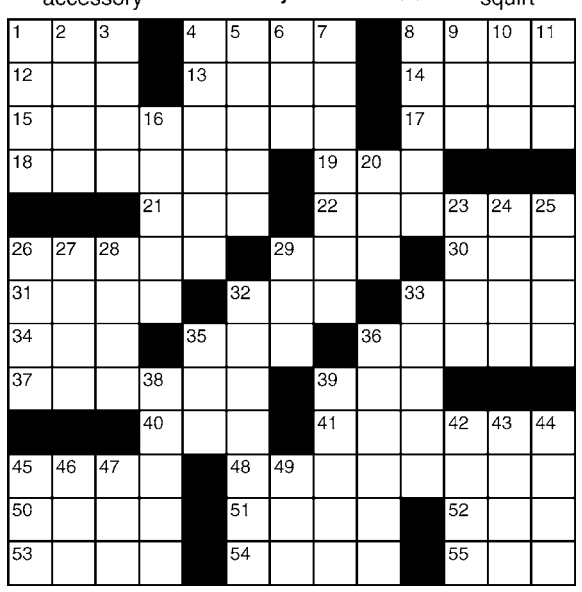
Yesterday's answer 3-5



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Jake Lloyd, 21; Kevin Connolly, 36; Eva Mendes, 36; Dean Stockwell, 74

**Happy Birthday**: This is a great year to collect old debts, finalize a settlement or take on a new project with the potential to make you wealthy. It is also a year to get in sync mentally, physically and monetarily. You can make changes at home that enable you to save more or raise the value of your premises. You can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. Your numbers are 6, 14, 25, 27, 33, 40, 48

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): A residential move or investing in something that will grow in value should be considered. Deal with institutions, corporations or government agencies to clear the way to reach your goals. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): A love relationship will be enhanced if you offer your undivided attention. Don't shy away from a group endeavor because you don't think you have anything to offer. Your insight and determination will be enough. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Avoid letting someone take advantage of you. It's important to do your own work well, not someone else's. A change of plans will leave you stranded if you don't have an alternative idea in mind. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Don't stop until you reach your goal. Network and socialize with your peers and you will be offered an opportunity that far surpasses your current position. Change should be welcomed with open arms. ✪✪✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Travel about looking at real estate or checking a group or activity that interests you. You can learn from the people you meet along the way. A change in the way you do things or the way you live will be advantageous. ✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You have more to offer than you realize and, if you partner with someone who has as much to contribute as you, there is no limit to what you can achieve. Take control of any conversation about future plans and you will end up in a power position. ✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Put your heart into whatever you do for a living. You will come up with a good idea that can turn into a lucrative endeavor. A romantic tie to someone could develop through a work-related event. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Get busy on household duties or improvement plans you want to implement. What you have to offer will change the way someone thinks of you. A change of plans will be to your benefit. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't give in to criticism that isn't valid. Fight for your rights or you may end up with a damaged reputation. Don't push anyone who is not responsive to your advances. Someone less visible will be hiding something of importance. ✪✪✪

**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Look at your options and you'll come up with unique ideas that will help you get ahead professionally. Learn from your past and you will be able to take advantage of a situation that unfolds. Get in touch with someone you haven't seen for some time. ✪✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A short trip will pay off. Get involved in conversations that will help you understand a situation better. An uncertainty you face financially will finally be cleared up so that you can move ahead with your plans. ✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Money, contracts, deals and, in general, getting ahead monetarily are apparent if you take charge. A relationship you have with someone special will be enhanced by the decisions you make. Negotiations will favor you. ✪✪✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are creative, dramatic, playful and intuitive. You change your mind without warning. You will never compromise your beliefs.

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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| 8 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
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| 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
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| 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 9 |

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/04

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**PINK DOLPHINS OF THE AMAZON** **Solution: 5 letters**

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| A | W | L | D | T | H | (A) | G | H | L | N | P | E | R | U |
| G | H | P | P | A | (L) | A | D | N | T | P | A | B | D | L |
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**Yesterday's Answer: Pyramidal**

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|---|---|---|
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| • 3-Liner with picture | $24 | $42 |
| • 5-Liner with picture | $36 | $57 |

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**Classified Ads**

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:
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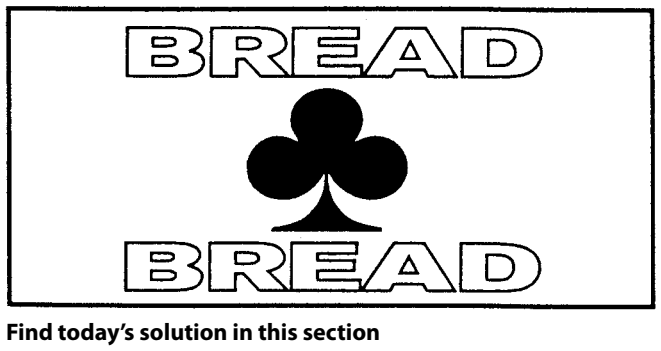


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**Find today's solution in this section**

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**REANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**MANAGER, PROGRAM & HOUSING**

**Opening Date: March 5, 2010** **Closing Date: April 5, 2010**
**Job Location: NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950**

**Salary: PL 35-01, $28,807.51, through PL35-05, $35,012.57, per annum.**
**Commensurate with education, training and experience.**

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up during working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit a cover letter together with the NMHC Employment Application Form **AND** required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.

**NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.**

Applicants are requested to submit their original cover letter, application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 05, 2010 **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than April 05, 2010, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
**Chairwoman of the Board**

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WORLD RESORT

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**OPEN DATE: March 4, 2010** **CLOSE DATE: March 16, 2010**

**POSITION: Lifeguards/Prims & Cooks** **SALARY: $4.55 per hr.**

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

- **Must be a high school graduate.**
- **2 years experience.**

**For more information you may contact Ms. Miriam K. Seman, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274.**

**Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must include all the necessary requirements and submitted to the Security Office.**

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## dba LAOLAO BAY GOLF & RESORT

LAOLAO BAY GOLF & RESORT

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# NMPASI
**NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.**

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** **ATTORNEY ["PART-TIME"]**
**SALARY:** **Negotiable**

**OVERVIEW:** The Northern Marianas Protection &, Advocacy Systems. Inc. (NMPASI), the state-designated agency for protection and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities, seeks to hire someone who is energetic and committed to the cause of insuring that individuals with disabilities are free from abuse, neglect and other forms of discrimination resulting from their disabilities.

**GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:**

This is an exempt professional position responsible for the day-to-day legal services for eligible clients as well as management and supervision of other program personnel assigned to provide lay-advocacy for individuals with disabilities. The Attorney will be selected by a panel of NMPASI personnel, will report to the Program Manager and willwork under limited supervision within prescribed standards, policies and procedures with considerable latitude for independent action and decisions.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- ✔ Graduation from a U.S. accredited college or university with a Juris Doctorate degree;
- ✔ Admitted to Practice Law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and
- ✔ Demonstrated interpersonal skills which allow employee to maintain productive working relationships with co-workers, clients and other working professionals.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested applicants may pick up a complete job description and application forms at the NMPASI office located on middle road approximately 100 yards north of the Gualo Rai traffic light intersection. Completed application packets must be submitted to the NMPASI Executive Director at the NMPASI Office. In order for applications to be considered they must include (1) a Cover Letter, (2) a Resumé. (3) Completed Application forms and (4) evidence of CNMI Bar admission. Incomplete applications and/or applications which do not demonstrate that the applicant meets minimum qualifications as listed above will not be considered. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr. James Rayphand at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7278 [tty] or email at nmpasi@pticom.com.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
# CUC-RFP-10-023

**Request for Statement of Qualification for Project Manag ment Services**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting statement of qualification from individuals or firms for project management services. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) has urgent need for various Professional - Project Management Services as related to the utility services. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is the CNMI Government's combined power, water and wastewater utility. This is a request for proposals to meet the deliverables of a recent federal consent order regarding the disposal, handling and prevention activities regarding used oil, Stipulated Order #2. The CUC procurement regulations for Architect/Engineer (AIE) Procurement Regulations Title 50 Chapter 50 of the CNMI Administrative Code Paragraph 50-50-305 to publicly announce all requirements for arch architect-engineer services and negotiate contracts on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications at a fair and reasonable price. After public announcement of requirement for A/E services, statements shall be reviewed by CUC, and after discussion, selection shall be made in order of preference of A/E firms to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. The CUC shall attempt to negotiate a contract with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to CUC. In the event that a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated, negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations shall be undertaken with the next highest qualified firm.

The intent is for CUC to procure the services of the most qualified Project Management firm interested in performing a variety of Project Management services in accordance with standard practice including but not limited to construction and repair work, bulk fuel oil transfer, storage and handling in accordance with the applicable codes and regulations including American Petroleum Institute (API), Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted, reviewed, rated, and ranked by a team of CUC individuals, followed by interviews, as necessary, culminating in the CUC identification of the most qualified firm(s) per CUC procurement regulations.

Details of the Solicitation Notice will be emailed to interested parties upon request, until March 15, 2010 by CUC, Procurement & Supply Division at the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, 3' Floor, Room No. 4, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays.

One (1) original and five (5) copies along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-10-02 3, REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **Monday, March 22, 2010** at 10:OO AM, local time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject anyor all proposals and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shallbecome the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM local time on **Monday, March 18, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Robert Lorenz, Water-Wastewater Engineer at email robert_lorenz@cucgov.net. Venu, PG Engineer at venu@cucgov.net.

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**State Board of Education**
## Public School System
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# INVITATION FOR BID
# PSS IFB 10-010

## "SECURITY SERVICES FOR SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SVES)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting Competitive Sealed Bids for **One (1) Year Campus Security Services for San Vicente Elementary School (SVES).**

The Scope of Work is available beginnning February 26, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Faxed request maybe sent to 664-3791. This is a re-announcement of IFB 10-002.

Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-010"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than **March 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.,** at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer via fax # (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: **robert.florian@pss.cnmi.mp**

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
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# Invitation for Bid
# PSS IFB 10-012

## SECURITY SERVICES FOR DANDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting Competitive Sealed Bids for **One (1) Year Campus Security Services for Dandan Elementary School.**

The Scope Of Work is available beginning March 5, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Faxed requests maybe sent to 664-3791.

Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-012"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than **March 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.,** at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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Commissioner of Education

**/s/ Robert Florian**
Procurement & Supply Officer

# Nuggets crush divisional rival Thunder

**DENVER** (AP)—The Denver Nuggets took control with a big third quarter to crush the Oklahoma City Thunder 119-90 in Wednesday's NBA action.

Carmelo Anthony outplayed Kevin Durant, scoring 30 points, and Nene added 20 points for the Nuggets, who moved 1-1/2 games clear atop the Northwest Division, and 3-1/2 ahead of the Thunder.

Durant, the NBA's second-leading scorer, was held to 19 points after averaging 31 points in two previous games against the Nuggets this season.

James Harden also had 19 points for Oklahoma City.

AP

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, center, goes up for a shot between Oklahoma City Thunder forwards Kevin Durant, left, and Jeff Green in the third quarter of the Nuggets' 119-90 victory in an NBA basketball game in Denver on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

### Celtics 104, Bobcats 80

In Boston, Paul Pierce scored 27 points to lead the Boston to a comfortable win over Charlotte.

Boston's Nate Robinson had 16 points, including three 3-pointers in a 90-second span bridging the first and second quarters to key a 16-0 run. The Celtics have easily beaten the Bobcats in all three clashes this season.

Tyrus Thomas had 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead Charlotte, losers of five of six.

### Suns 127, Clippers 101

In Los Angeles, Phoenix breezed to its second rout in six days against the Clippers, sweeping the four-game season series for the second straight year.

Amare Stoudemire had 30 points and 14 rebounds and Channing Frye scored 23 points, including four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help Phoenix build its margin to 29 points with 6:45 remaining. The Suns shot 56 percent.

### Grizzlies 104, Hornets 100

In New Orleans, Memphis notched a franchise-record fifth straight road win by edging New Orleans.

Mike Conley scored a season-high 26 points, including nine in the final quarter as the Grizzlies overcame a nine-point deficit. Conley missed two free throws with 11 seconds left that gave the Hornets a chance to tie it, but James Posey turned the ball over and Rudy Gay dunked as time expired.

### Hawks 112, 76ers 93

In Atlanta, Marvin Williams scored 21 points to power the Atlanta past struggling Philadelphia.

Jamal Crawford added 20 points for the Hawks, who have won five of six.

The 76ers, who have lost four in a row, were led by Lou Williams, who had 30 points. He hit his first 10 shots and finished 11 for 15 from the field and 7 of 10 on free throws.

### Magic 117, Warriors 90

In Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had 28 points and 12 rebounds, and Orlando cruised to a victory over undermanned Golden State.

Rashard Lewis added 17 points to help the Magic win for the fifth time in six games and keep a tight grip on the Eastern Conference's No. 2 playoff seed. They lead Atlanta by two games.

### Trail Blazers 102, Pacers 79

In Portland, Oregon, Brandon Roy scored 22 points to lead Portland over Indiana.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 19 points and seven rebounds for the Blazers, who have scored more than 100 points in six straight games for the first time since 1997-98.

### Mavericks 112, Timberwolves 109

In Dallas, the hosts stretched their winning streak to nine games with a narrow victory over Minnesota.

Dirk Nowitzki overcame a slow shooting start to finish with 22 points, including the go-ahead basket in the last quarter.

Jason Terry had 26 points for the Mavericks.

### Cavaliers 111, Nets 92

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Cleveland opened a 20-point first-quarter lead and cruised to victory over hapless New Jersey.

LeBron James had 26 points and 14 assists and J.J. Hickson added 20 points and 13 rebounds in his second straight start for the injured Shaquille O'Neal as the Cavaliers won their fifth straight game.

The win completed a sweep of the Knicks and Nets over the past three days—two teams that have money to throw at James should he test the free-agent market this summer.

### Bucks 100, Wizards 87

In Milwaukee, the hosts continued their late-season surge with victory over Washington.

John Salmons scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half. He is averaging 20.4 points and has scored in double figures in all eight games he's played since a trade deadline deal with Chicago. The Bucks are 7-1 in that span.

Andrew Bogut added 15 points and five blocks as Milwaukee moved into a tie for sixth in the Eastern Conference with Chicago.

### Kings 84, Rockets 81

In Houston, Carl Landry had 22 points and 10 rebounds against his former team to lead Sacramento over Houston.

The Rockets traded the popular power forward to the Kings in a three-team swap just before the deadline in a deal that sent Tracy McGrady to New York. Houston picked up Kevin Martin in the trade, and Sacramento's leading scorer over the last three seasons struggled against his former team, scoring 14 on 3-for-13 shooting.

Beno Udrih scored 13 points for the Kings, who snapped a four-game road losing streak.

### Knicks 128, Pistons 104

In New York, the home team handed Detroit its fifth straight loss.

Bill Walker was one of four Knicks with 20-plus points, scoring a career-high 22 in his first career start.

Al Harrington scored 26 for the Knicks, who won for just the second time in 12 games and clinched the season series against the Pistons for the first time in nine years.

# Upton signs $51.25M, 6-year deal with Arizona

**TUCSON, Ariz.** (AP)—Justin Upton has lived with high expectations virtually since the day he picked up a baseball bat.

Now at 22, with two full major league seasons already behind him, he says he welcomes the challenge of living up to the $51.25 million, six-year contract he signed on Wednesday with the Arizona Diamondbacks, the second-largest deal in franchise history.

With his parents Manny and Yvonne looking on proudly at a news conference, the outfielder said he understands the responsibility that comes with this big a contract at such a young age.

"I do kind of put that pressure on myself," he said. "I want to be great, that's the thing. If you want to be great, then you set your goals higher."

Upton earned his first All-Star berth last season, when he hit .300 with 26 homers and 86 RBIs.

His statistics are compared favorably with those of some of the game's greats at the same age. His OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging percentage) of .836 compares with the early numbers of Al Kaline, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez.

"There's a lot to live up to," he said, "and I think I'm ready for that."

He gets a $1.25 million signing bonus, half on April 15 and the rest on July 15. He receives salaries of $500,000 this year, $4.25 million in 2011, $6.75 million in 2012, $9.75 million in 2013, $14.25 million in 2014 and $14.5 million in 2015.

"We view him as a core player, one of our key pieces," general manager Josh Byrnes said, "and as we view the next six years the kind of guy we want to build around."

The only bigger contract in Diamondbacks' history was the $52.4 million, four-year deal Randy Johnson signed in 1999.

"This is something you dream about. For it to come true, it really hasn't sunk in yet," Upton said. "My parents have definitely been a special part of my life to get me to this point. It's definitely a special day. I'm glad they could be here. I know they're as happy as I am."

Upton has had the pressure of high expectations for years, following the path of his older brother B.J., who was the No. 2 draft pick overall in 2002. Justin was one better, chosen No. 1 by Arizona in the 2005 draft.

He played less than two years in the minors before being called up by the Diamondbacks one in 2007 one month shy of his 20th birthday.

# *China fans ask, will Yao Ming's baby be American?*

**BEIJING** (AP)—Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is going to be a father this summer—and fans in China are buzzing about whether the baby will be an American.

Yao, who is sidelined this season with a broken left foot, recently returned to the United States with wife Ye Li. That prompted speculation among his followers that the baby girl due this summer could be born in America.

Yao's personal life is closely followed by his many fans at home, from his 2007 Shanghai wedding to the former basketball player to reports last month the couple is expecting a baby girl in July.

Yao said before the Rockets' game on Wednesday that where the baby is born is a "private" matter.

"We just need some space," he said. "It's just between me and my wife."

He said he appreciated the positive feedback shown by his fans.

"We're excited about a new member of the family," he said. "We appreciate everyone who has given us good wishes. I really want to say thanks for that. It's a good thing for us."

Yao's baby would be an American citizen if born in the U.S. She also could claim Chinese citizenship as the child of Chinese nationals. However, Chinese law does not recognize dual citizenship.

A few say it would be a betrayal of China, not to mention the Chinese basketball team could be denied a future basketball star. But most say they support Yao and don't care which country claims the baby.

"Yao Ming is an individual, not a political tool," said one comment on popular basketball Web site Hoop China. "He has the right to choose where his child is born and what kinds of medical care and education will be available to her. His child's citizenship has nothing to do with loyalty."

"Only an idiot would pass up American citizenship," said another fan on online portal sina.com, underscoring the common belief in China that life overseas is preferable.

Yao and his camp have been tight-lipped on the pregnancy and have not issued any public statements on the matter. It was not clear if Yao and his wife were indeed planning to have the baby in the U.S. or how they would handle any citizenship issues.

A number of Chinese celebrities have been criticized for becoming naturalized citizens of other countries. Chinese are subject to stringent visa requirements and some of the celebrities argued it was easier to travel internationally with passports from countries such as Singapore or the U.S.

Baby Yao has captured the imagination of fans in China. They wonder about her potential basketball skills with a 7-foot-6 (2.25-meter) father and 6-foot-2 (1.88-meter) mother, who was a center for China.

Scientists have predicted the girl will grow up to be the size of her mother, state media has reported.

# Nicklaus thinks Woods will play Masters

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.** (AP)—Jack Nicklaus is going to appear at next month's Masters. He thinks Tiger Woods will as well. Nicklaus said Wednesday that "it would surprise me" if Woods did not return to competitive golf in time for the Masters, a tournament the embattled world No. 1 has won four times in his career.

"I suspect he'll play something before Augusta," Nicklaus said behind the 18th green at PGA National, where the Honda Classic opens on Thursday. "Your guess is as good as mine. I'd be very surprised if he doesn't play something before Augusta."

Nicklaus has been reluctant to comment much about Woods since the saga involving revelations of infidelity began late last year, saying more than once that someone else's private life isn't any of his business. He reiterated that belief again Wednesday after finishing his Pro-Am round at the South Florida course he redesigned.

A person with knowledge of Woods' schedule told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Woods returned to his home near Orlando, Fla. over the weekend after a week of family counseling and resumed practicing for the first time in nearly four months.

Like many, Nicklaus seemed to take that as a sign that Woods could be back sooner than later. The Masters begins April 8.

"It would surprise me if he didn't," Nicklaus said. "I can't imagine in 100 years he's going to miss this. None of you guys do either. But I don't know. I don't know. I've been very noncommittal about anything as it's not my business. But as it relates to him playing golf, my guess is as a golfer he's going to want to try to play Augusta if he's got his other things in order."

Earlier this year, Nicklaus said 2010 would be "a big year" for Woods if he wanted to get closer to Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships. Three of this year's majors will be on courses where Woods has been dominant before, Augusta National, Pebble Beach and St. Andrews.

Of Woods' 14 majors, half have come on those three courses. Woods has never missed a Masters or a U.S. Open since 1995.

Nicklaus is going back to the Masters, a tournament he won six times, as an honorary starter this year. He agreed to take on the role last year, and will join Arnold Palmer for the opening shot of the tournament. In time, he expects Gary Player to join them.

The honorary start is something Nicklaus never saw as a player, and he spent several minutes Wednesday talking about that after finishing the round he played with Dan Marino, Drew Brees and saxophonist Kenny G. (For what it's worth, Nicklaus said he broke 80, after closing birdie-birdie.)

Then the questions turned to Woods.

"I didn't think I was going to have anything else," Nicklaus said.

Woods was photographed hitting balls at Isleworth on Feb. 18. One day later, he ended nearly three months of silence by speaking to a small group of associates, a statement that got worldwide attention.

"I do plan to return to golf one day, I just don't know when that day will be," Woods said on Feb. 19. "I don't rule out that it will be this year."

# Manning recovering from neck surgery

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Peyton Manning has spent 12 seasons being a pain in the neck of NFL opponents. Now the four-time league MVP is trying to alleviate the pain in his own neck.

The Indianapolis Colts announced Wednesday that Manning had surgery in Chicago to fix a pinched nerve, a procedure that is not expected to interrupt Manning's offseason workouts or his availability for next season.

"This condition has existed intermittently for the past four years, but at no time did it interfere with his training, practice or playing regimen," the Colts said. "While it never has affected Peyton's activity on or off the field, the Colts' medical staff, after post-playoff examination, thought it best to resolve the situation now."

The Colts said Manning spent Tuesday night in the hospital and was released Wednesday.

"All medical personnel involved believe the issue has been resolved," the team said. "Peyton fully expects to participate in the Colts' offseason program this spring."

Manning has been a model of stability throughout his NFL career.

His streak of 210 consecutive starts, including the playoffs, is second alltime among NFL quarterbacks behind only Brett Favre. With Manning in charge, the Colts have made a league-high eight straight playoff appearances, reached the Super Bowl twice, winning it all in 2006, and set an NFL record with seven straight 12-win seasons.

Indy also set league records for most consecutive wins (23) and most wins in a decade (115) last season.

But it is the second time in three years Manning has needed offseason surgery.

In July 2008, Manning had surgery twice on his left knee because of an infected bursa sac. The injury caused Manning to miss all of training camp. He later acknowledged losing 10 pounds during his recuperation and that he struggled with his balance and stepping into throws until midseason that year.

Manning's contract expires after the 2010 season and Colts owner Jim Irsay wants to extend the deal, calling it his top offseason priority. Irsay has said he is prepared to make Manning the highest-paid quarterback in the league, but negotiations are not expected to kick into high gear until after the free-agent market opens Friday.

Manning won his record fourth MVP in 2009 but his late interception, returned for a touchdown by Saints' cornerback Tracy Porter, sealed the Colts' Super Bowl loss last month.

# Russian Olympic Committee head resigns after flop

**MOSCOW** (AP)—The head of the Russian Olympic Committee resigned on Wednesday in the wake of the nation's worst performance at the Winter Games, news agencies said, citing the committee's spokesman.

When contacted by The Associated Press, however, the spokesman said only "that information is not confirmed," before hanging up. He did not deny making the statements to the Russian media or say the information was incorrect.

Leonid Tyagachev, a former sports minister, took over as head of the Russian Olympic Committee in 2001. In the wake of the Vancouver Games, President Dmitry Medvedev has warned that sports officials would be fired if they failed to resign voluntarily.

The news agencies Interfax and ITAR-Tass cited Gennady Shvets as saying that Tyagachev had tendered his resignation. "This obviously concerns the Russian athletes' performance at the Vancouver Olympic Games," Interfax quoted the spokesman as saying.

Russia won just 15 medals in Vancouver—and only three golds—two fewer than its previous low in Salt Lake City in 2002. Officials said before the Olympics that 30 medals and a top-three finish in the medal standings were the targets.

Russia placed 11th for golds and sixth in the overall medal count, results which proved particularly embarrassing as the country takes the torch for the next Winter Olympics at its Black Sea resort of Sochi in 2014.

Tyagachev, 63, helped Russia win hosting rights to the Sochi Games. He is a personal friend and, according to some Russian news reports, a former ski instructor of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.



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# Could Pacquiao be done with boxing after Clottey?

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AP SPORTS WRITER

BOXING

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The frantic ferocity of Manny Pacquiao's training camps at the stuffy Wild Card Gym clearly indicate he feels every fight could be his last.

This time around, Pacquiao knows he really might be done with boxing—for a while at least.

Pacquiao is training in Hollywood for his March 13 fight against Joshua Clottey while simultaneously running for a congressional seat in his native Philippines. It's the latest move in his exhaustive quest apparently to become all things to all people in a homeland that already has embraced him as a boxing champion, a commercial pitchman, a movie star, a singer and its most famous person.

But if he beats Clottey on March 13 and then gets elected eight weeks later, as many expect, how can he balance a burgeoning political career with the months of intense training necessary for a former flyweight to survive bigger opponents such as Miguel Cotto, Oscar De La Hoya and Clottey?

"I don't know, but I can still fight," the 31-year-old Pacquiao said Wednesday while getting his hands wrapped in a cramped back room. "Boxing is different than politics. Politics is more in service. ... I want to be a good public servant. I want to help people."

Promoter Bob Arum understands the lure of public service after working as a lawyer in the Justice Department during the Kennedy administration, but Pacquiao's determination to join Congress at the height of his athletic career is perplexing to the man who shepherded Pacquiao from obscurity.

"I can't figure it out," Arum said. "I tried very lightly to dissuade him this time. I know people around him have tried also. He's determined to do it."

If Pacquiao is elected this spring after his bout in Dallas, trainer Freddie Roach and Arum have come to terms with the possibility that the combination of Pacquiao's political responsibilities and his struggle to land a megafight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. could keep him out of the ring for a while—perhaps permanently.

"It could be our last fight, sure," Roach said. "I don't think it will, but it could definitely work out that way."

## AYUYUS

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Kaipat had an errant pass to Jimmy Brel. The Rays' Pedro Castro intercepted the ball and was fouled on his way to the basket, with 3.3 seconds left on the clock.

Against deafening cheers and jeers from both camps, Castro canned the first charity, but missed the second one, tying the game, 46-all. Norita controlled the rebound, but hung on to the ball too long against the pressure defense of Tristan Ecalnea as timed expired, sending the game into extra five minutes.

In overtime, Brel carried Kagman on his shoulders. He started the extension period with a triple from the left baseline and went on to score 11 points in overtime. His second triple from almost the same spot gave the Ayuyus' enough cushion, 58-50, with 1:33 left in the game.

Brel also had the last say in the overtime, as he went for a fastbreak play and made a fastbreak layup against the outstretched arms of Benavente, signaling a Kagman celebration as the Ayuyus were 2.8 seconds away from the varsity championship that eluded the team in their first seven seasons in the league.

"It (championship) has yet to sink in. We finally made it after years of hard work and team rebuilding. This one is for all the players who played for Kagman, for all our supporters, who win or lose, always come to our games," said Kagman coach Fasefulu Talalemoto, who got his first title in seven years of coaching the Ayuyus.

Talalemoto credited Kagman's defense, teamwork, and ability to limit its errors as crucial factors in the finals.

"We also kept our composure. Although Southern came back, we never felt we had lost the game. The boys came out to play in overtime with the same, if not more, intensity," Talalemoto added.

Brel was the one who brought the momentum back to Kagman in the extension period, as he was brave enough to pull up for big time shots. After his triple, Brel canned another short jumper, then followed it up with another triple in the last one and a half minute of the game.

"I wasn't afraid to take those shots. I had confidence in my shot, as we're been practicing a lot for the season. When I made my first basket in overtime, I felt good and was more confident to try more shots," Brel said.

Brel finished with 21 points, while Juan Maratita tallied 16, making five in overtime.

Benavente paced Southern with 17 points, while Cadiang and Ecalnea contributed 12 and 11, respectively. Benavente and Joseph Jung were the only two Southern players to score in overtime.

Kagman's title win in the varsity division gave the Ayuyus a sweep in the MISO caging. The Ayuyus also beat the Rays in the junior varsity division, 48-41.

**KHS 66** – Brel 21, Maratita 16, Norita 8, Hossain 7, Faisao 6, Kaipat 4, Manglona 2.

**SSHS 56** – Benavente 17, Cadiang 12, Ecalnea 11, Jung 8, Castro 6, Palacios 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-21, 46-46, 66-56.

## CAMACHO

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nationwide, and Camacho's feat makes him the only Chamorro on the elite list of players.

"His parents and his family and friends from Saipan are very proud of what he has achieved. His successes are beyond expectation," Camacho's aunt, Margaret Torres said.

Camacho made varsity football as a freshman for Vilseck High School in Vilseck, Germany while his father was on tour of duty. A year later, with his father's return from abroad, his family moved back to the Lone Star State. It was there as a sophomore for Austin High School in El Paso that Camacho broke barriers when he made it as the defensive end for the school.

At Austin High School, he started to gain accolades and acclaim from the nation's top sports watchers, particularly MaxPres.

He owns statistics of 2.0 sacks, 53 tackles, six pass deflects, and 16 assists.

Camacho, whose proud grandparents are Vicente and Martina Camacho of Capital Hill and Pedro W. and Margarita C. Torres of Gualo Rai, is now setting his sights to going professional with the Cincinnati Bengals as a middle line backer.

He has the privilege of playing football for numerous schools in the U.S. and abroad following his father's assignment in different U.S. Army posts.

"He is evidently well on his way now in making it big. We continue to support him in what he does. Our family congratulates him and we are very proud of him," Torres said. ***(PR)***

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MVA is also asking drivers to exercise caution on Saturday morning during the race. The race course will use Beach Road from 4:30am to 8am, and drivers are asked to take an alternative route during that time.

Also, parking will be prohibited in Garapan from the Department of Public Safety sub-station south to Hafadai Beach Hotel from 10pm on Friday until 12noon on Saturday. This no-parking zone will be enforced by DPS, and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Joining the MVA as major sponsors of the Saipan Marathon this year are Oakley, Delta/Northwest Airlines, Timex, Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands, DFS Galleria, and Northern Mariana Athletics. Other supporters of the event are the Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Safety Traffic and EMS units, Commonwealth Health Center, Hawaiian Rock Products, American Memorial Park, Department of Public Works, and numerous volunteers.

Aid stations will be manned by Mariana Resort & Spa, Palms Resort Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, IT&E, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Development Inc., Hafadai Beach Hotel, Tasi Tours, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan Grand Hotel, World Resort Hotel, Coral Ocean Point, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The following entities have also made in-kind contributions in support of the signature event: Country House Nippon, Stars & Stripes Sea Logo, Aqua Resort Club, Kinpachi Restaurant, Islander Rent A Car, Marfega Trading, Furusato Restaurant, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, Palms Resort Saipan, Thai House Restaurant, Shirley's Cafe, Saipan Shipping, Hafadai Beach Hotel, Pacific Subsea, Tasi Tours, Modern Stationary, Canton Restaurant, 360 Revolving Restaurant, J.C Tenorio Ent., Big Boy's Marine, Budget Rent A Car, Triple J Wholesale, Avis Rent A Car, Sand Castle, and Island Apparel.

For more information about the Saipan Marathon, please contact MVA's Ed Diaz at 1-670-664-3200/01 or ediaz@mymarianas.com.

One week later on March 13 the 9th Annual XTERRA Saipan Championship will take place. The XTERRA is an extreme triathlon challenge that includes a 1.5km swim, a 12km trail run, and a 30km mountain bike race. And on March 20 the annual Tagaman Triathlon features a 2km swim, a 60km bike ride, and a 15km run. For more information about XTERRA Saipan Championship or Tagaman Triathlon, contact MVA's Frank Tudela at 1-670-664-3200 or ftudela@mymarianas.com. ***(PR)***

## HARDBALL

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it with it neatsfoot oil with extra in the pocket, then put in three baseballs, fold it and tie string around it, leaving it overnight to soften the leather and deepen the pocket. A soft well-crafted glove was a matter of self-made pride and joy.

Of course, over time I grew up—more accurately, got old—and started playing softball, especially appreciating the shorter distance between bases and the shorter throws.

Somehow somewhere along the line the use of hardball as a synonym for baseball faded away. Nowadays if someone refers to "playing hardball" it's more likely about handling a situation in a very tough, even dirty, way.

One thing I have never understood over all the decades is why a softball is called a softball when it is not soft at all. A nerf ball is soft. A softball is hard. The only broken bone I've had in my entire life was in the tip of my thumb after catching a ball thrown by Tony Benavente. It was a so-called softball.

I can only assume the name came about because the ball doesn't travel as far as a baseball. If that's the case, then the reason has nothing to do with the Mohls Scale and everything to do with the core similar to the physics of a golf ball.

One thing I do understand: hardball was not meant to be played on a field that's too hard.

In talking with Jerry Royster, the manager of the Korean professional Lotte Giants who spent 16 seasons in the Major Leagues, I learned that he would love to play exhibition games here with other professional teams. However, he expressed one concern: the hardness of the fields. They watered down the field heavily in Marpi every morning before working out.

Royster said that the fields on Saipan are adequate for their purposes, but adding that proper maintenance is required.

Palacios Field is supposed to be renovated for the LG Twins and local baseball leagues but it's currently harder than Chinese algebra.

Building a field or stadium is nice, but maintaining it to be suitable for baseball is, well, hard.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 38 | 21 | .644 | — |
| Toronto | 31 | 28 | .525 | 7 |
| Philadelphia | 22 | 38 | .367 | 16 1/2 |
| New York | 21 | 39 | .350 | 17 1/2 |
| New Jersey | 6 | 54 | .100 | 32 1/2 |

**Southeast Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 42 | 20 | .677 | — |
| Atlanta | 39 | 21 | .650 | 2 |
| Miami | 30 | 31 | .492 | 11 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 28 | 31 | .475 | 12 1/2 |
| Washington | 21 | 37 | .362 | 19 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 48 | 14 | .774 | — |
| Chicago | 31 | 29 | .517 | 16 |
| Milwaukee | 31 | 29 | .517 | 16 |
| Detroit | 21 | 40 | .344 | 26 1/2 |
| Indiana | 20 | 41 | .328 | 27 1/2 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 41 | 21 | .661 | — |
| San Antonio | 34 | 24 | .586 | 5 |
| Memphis | 31 | 30 | .508 | 9 1/2 |
| New Orleans | 31 | 31 | .500 | 10 |
| Houston | 30 | 30 | .500 | 10 |

**Northwest Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Denver | 40 | 21 | .656 | — |
| Utah | 38 | 22 | .633 | 1 1/2 |
| Oklahoma City | 36 | 24 | .600 | 3 1/2 |
| Portland | 37 | 27 | .578 | 4 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 14 | 48 | .226 | 26 1/2 |

**Pacific Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Lakers | 46 | 15 | .754 | — |
| Phoenix | 39 | 24 | .619 | 8 |
| L.A. Clippers | 25 | 36 | .410 | 21 |
| Sacramento | 21 | 40 | .344 | 25 |
| Golden State | 17 | 43 | .283 | 28 1/2 |

**Yesterday's Games**

Atlanta 112, Philadelphia 93
Orlando 117, Golden State 90
Boston 104, Charlotte 80
Cleveland 111, New Jersey 92
New York 128, Detroit 104
Milwaukee 100, Washington 87
Memphis 104, New Orleans 100
Dallas 112, Minnesota 109
Sacramento 84, Houston 81
Denver 119, Oklahoma City 90
Portland 102, Indiana 79
Phoenix 127, L.A. Clippers 101

### NBA LEADERS

**Scoring**

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| James, CLE | 61 | 615 | 483 | 1824 | 29.9 |
| Durant, OKC | 59 | 577 | 517 | 1760 | 29.8 |
| Anthony, DEN | 47 | 459 | 382 | 1343 | 28.6 |
| Bryant, LAL | 56 | 564 | 334 | 1535 | 27.4 |
| Wade, MIA | 57 | 529 | 379 | 1492 | 26.2 |
| Ellis, GOL | 52 | 520 | 244 | 1335 | 25.7 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 60 | 543 | 396 | 1514 | 25.2 |
| Bosh, TOR | 53 | 463 | 368 | 1300 | 24.5 |
| Stoudemire, PHX | 62 | 509 | 329 | 1348 | 21.7 |
| Johnson, ATL | 59 | 505 | 171 | 1282 | 21.7 |
| Jackson, CHA | 58 | 442 | 244 | 1220 | 21.0 |
| Randolph, MEM | 60 | 495 | 242 | 1240 | 20.7 |
| Evans, SAC | 55 | 411 | 279 | 1127 | 20.5 |
| Rose, CHI | 60 | 513 | 189 | 1221 | 20.4 |
| Maggette, GOL | 50 | 324 | 355 | 1013 | 20.3 |
| Billups, DEN | 51 | 288 | 334 | 1031 | 20.2 |
| Lee, NYK | 59 | 504 | 183 | 1191 | 20.2 |
| Gay, MEM | 58 | 451 | 218 | 1168 | 20.1 |
| Brooks, HOU | 59 | 414 | 186 | 1163 | 19.7 |
| Boozer, UTA | 57 | 449 | 221 | 1119 | 19.6 |

**FG Percentage**

| | FG | FGA | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Perkins, BOS | 247 | 402 | .614 |
| Howard, ORL | 371 | 617 | .601 |
| Hilario, DEN | 313 | 533 | .587 |
| Gasol, MEM | 336 | 578 | .581 |
| Millsap, UTA | 286 | 501 | .571 |
| Bynum, LAL | 348 | 610 | .570 |
| O'Neal, CLE | 262 | 463 | .566 |
| Haywood, DAL | 225 | 398 | .565 |
| Boozer, UTA | 449 | 809 | .555 |
| Lee, NYK | 504 | 909 | .554 |

**Rebounds**

| | G | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Howard, ORL | 61 | 211 | 592 | 803 | 13.2 |
| Randolph, MEM | 60 | 258 | 452 | 710 | 11.8 |
| Camby, POR | 57 | 187 | 477 | 664 | 11.6 |
| Lee, NYK | 59 | 156 | 522 | 678 | 11.5 |
| Bosh, TOR | 53 | 159 | 446 | 605 | 11.4 |
| Boozer, UTA | 57 | 124 | 507 | 631 | 11.1 |
| Duncan, SAN | 55 | 180 | 421 | 601 | 10.9 |
| Wallace, CHA | 56 | 115 | 481 | 596 | 10.6 |
| Bogut, MIL | 53 | 167 | 387 | 554 | 10.5 |
| Haywood, DAL | 58 | 233 | 364 | 597 | 10.3 |

**Assists**

| | G | AST | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nash, PHX | 61 | 683 | 11.2 |
| Paul, NOR | 38 | 424 | 11.2 |
| Williams, UTA | 54 | 548 | 10.1 |
| Rondo, BOS | 57 | 569 | 10.0 |
| Kidd, DAL | 60 | 555 | 9.3 |
| James, CLE | 61 | 517 | 8.5 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 59 | 469 | 7.9 |
| Davis, LAC | 58 | 459 | 7.9 |
| Harris, NJN | 43 | 293 | 6.8 |
| Wade, MIA | 57 | 369 | 6.5 |

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Baxter, Fuller give Rocball a try

U.S. professional volleyball players Paul Baxter and Andrew Fuller made one final show on Saipan after the 18th Annual Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival when they played Rocball against Marianas High School students at the MHS Gymnasium on Monday.

Fuller teamed up with John Nekaifes, Ben Lisua, Mariano Lisus, and Willy Aguilar of the Soul Rebels and battled the Bullseye squad composed of Baxter, J.R. Gechig, Jordan Mariano, Gabriel White, and Joemil Lisua.

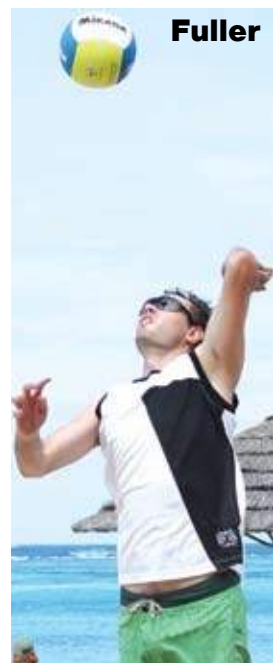
Baxter scored two aces, one xunk, and four kees to earn the heavy hitter award for the game. Ben Lisua and Fuller tied for second place in heavy hitting. Ben Lisua logged two aces, one jam, two kees, and a goal. Fuller made three aces and two goals to finish with 12 points.

In all, there were nine aces, two xunks, one jam, 13 kees, and 3 goals scored in the game. The Soul Rebels dominated the first three sets, 15-12, 19-15, and 16-11. However, as Rocball rules state, a match can only be won if a team outscores its opponents in game points and wins the fourth set.

At the end of the third set, the Soul Rebels were leading 50 to 38. The Bullseyes would have had to win the fourth set by 13 points to juice-out and win. The Bullseyes won the fourth set, 15-6, lacking the needed winning margin to steal the game. At the end of the fourth set, Soul Rebels were up, 56-53, and the game had to be decided in overtime

In overtime, Soul Rebels needed to win only one set, which is a race to 10 points, while Bulleyes must prevail in two sets to grab the victory. Bullseye was at set point in the first set, but lost the serve and got xunked, handing Soul Rebels a 10-8 triumph. ***(PR)***

Baxter


Fuller

# Villafria rules MBA 5K Fun Run

Veteran runner Ronald Villafria topped the MBA Seniors 2010 5K Fun Run held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Villafria timed in at 19 minutes and 48.42 seconds in the weekend race that started and ended at the AMP Amphitheater with runners going as far as the old Puerto Rico dump site.

The Grillin' Restaurant employee said the fun run was a good warm-up for the various races he will be joining this month. This weekend, Villafria will compete in the 10-kilometer race, which is under Marianas Visitors Authority's Festival of Runs. In the third week of this month, Villafria will participating in the Tagaman Triathlon, doing all three legs, as he vies for one of the five slots on the CNMI Triathlon Team.

Besides Villafria, there are eight others hoping to represent the CNMI to the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau: Lewie Tenorio, Butch Sublemente, Kieran Daly, Kevin Carey, Joshua Manglona, Matt Mancao, Manny Sitchon, and Brad Ruszala. Only the Top 3 finishes in Tagaman will be chosen as members of the team and two will be named alternates.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ronald Villafria joins participants and organizers of the MBA Seniors 2010 5K Fun Run for a group photo at the American Memorial Park parking lot last Saturday.

"I hope to finish well in this weekend's 10-kilometer race. There will be a lot of strong runners in the race, so it will be a good opportunity to test my endurance and pacing," Villafria said.

He added he will use the on-island races to prepare for the Mt. Fuji run set for July this year.

Meanwhile, MBA student Federico Fernandez posted the second fastest time of the day at 25:41.59, while schoolmate Paul Murphy clocked in at 25:42.10 to finish third.

Around 20 runners joined the weekend race, which aimed to raise funds for MBA Class of 2010 trip to South Korea.

The fundraiser was made possible through the support of Joeten Enterprises, MBA, and Villafria. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

# Yang tops February women's tourney

Kim Yang topped the February CNMI Women's Golf Association Tournament held last Feb. 20 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

The 14-handicap Yang carded a 67 net after shooting a gross of 81 following a 40-41 in the front and back nine at the Koblerville golf venue.

Yuko Togawa and Eun Ae Chang finished second and third with their identical net scores of 70. Togawa, however, came away with the runner-up plum after posting a 77 gross on the strength of the seven-handicapper's 38-39 front and back nine scores.

Eventual third-placer Chang, for her part, recorded a gross of 87 (45-42), which was cut to by 17 after her high handicap was deducted.

A total of 21 CWGA members took part in the February swing off. The rest of the field, with their net scores in parenthesis, are as follows: Noriko Togawa (73); Bennet Seman (73); Shiori Onoue (74); Masayo Miyamoto (74); Kimiko Abe (76); Dolores Yamagishi (76); Turue Ukita (76); Terry Tudela (77); Grace Wang (78); Kim Hye Kyung (79); Sherlyn Jones (79); Grace Ran Seo (81); Lorraine Babauta (82); Kyung A. Yang (82); Sunny Jeong (85); Aya Matsumoto (73); and Margaret Tenorio (80). The latter two failed to submit their scorecards for handicap computation.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI Women's Golf Association members pose for a group shot following the February tournament held last Feb. 20 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct-adopted form the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity.

For more information about the club's monthly tournaments, call Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621, and Bennet Seman at 483-0126. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## MP United begins title defense bid in spring league

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MP United will start its title defense in the 2010 NMIFA Youth Football Spring League tomorrow, as it squares off with Paire Football Club in one of the two opening day games in the boys' U18 division.

The defending champion MP United will duel Paire in the second match of the day at 10:30am after the Matansa Football Club-Independents Football Club tiff in the first game at 9am.

MP United ruled last season's spring league after pulling off a come-from-behind win over Independents, 2-1.

Lucas Knecht drilled the winning goal in the under two minute mark of the 10-minute overtime period, capitalizing on IFC's major defensive lapse. After exchanges of possessions, Knecht finally had the ball in control and headed to the right sideline while several IFC defenders were chasing him. IFC goalie Nathan Flores decided to help out his teammates on defense and in effect left their goal open. Knecht saw the blunder and from the sideline, dribbled to his left side and made the golden goal that gave MP United the U18 championship trophy.

In the battle for third place, Paire won over Matansa Football Club.

Games in the boys' U18 division will be played every Saturday with the first match starting at 9am and the second at 10:30am. The four participating teams will play for two months and will conclude the season with a football festival on May 15.

The girls' U18 will have only two teams in Matansa and defending champion Paire. They will play nine games and will also participate in the football festival on May 15.

Besides the U18 division, the spring league will also feature competitions in four other age groups: co-ed U6, U8, and U11, and the girls' and boys' U14.

The U6 division has scheduled four games on opening day tomorrow with Paire facing MPU-W at San Vicente; MPU-B battling MatG-1 at Navy Hill; MatT-1 meeting MPU-S at GTC; and Tan Holdings FC challenging IFC at San Antonio.

The U8 division has five games on opening day with Paire-1 and MPU-W playing at San Vicente; MPU-B vs. MatG-1 at Navy Hill; MatT-1 vs. MPU-S at GTC; THFC-1 vs. PFC-2 at San Antonio; and IFC vs. THFC-2 at Saipan Southern High School.

Day 1 in the U11 division will be action-packed, as seven games will be played in the opening day: PFC-1 vs. MPU-W; MPU-B vs. MatG-1; MatT-1 vs. MPU-S; THFC-1 vs. PFC-2; IFC-1 vs. THFC-2; PFC-3 vs. MatG-2; and MPU-4 vs. PFC-4.

In the boys' U14, MPU-W will duel sister team MPU-B at 4pm on Field 1 of the Hopwood Junior High School, while IFC will take on Paire on Field 2 at the same time.

At 5:15pm, sister teams THFC-1 and THFC-2 will slug it out on Field 1. The girls' U14 division will have MPU debuting against Matansa at 2:45pm on Field 1 and Paire facing Independents on Field 2.

ROSELYN MONROYO
MP United's Lucas Knecht, right, kicks the ball during their title game against Independents during last spring's U18 football league at the CPA Field.

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**Nuggets crush divisional rival Thunder**

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# Ayuyus claim first varsity title

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The drought is over.

Finally, Kagman High School notched its first varsity division championship after outclassing Saipan Southern High School, 66-56, in overtime of their title game in the 2009-2010 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League on Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Ayuyus' first title since joining league in 2003 almost slipped away from their hands in the closing seconds of regulation after committing two costly errors.

Kagman was holding on to a precarious 46-44 lead and had possession in the last 12.4 seconds in the second half when Juan Maratita's entry pass to Jon Norita was intercepted, leading to an Ian Benavente fastbreak play.

Benavente was fouled and trooped to the stripe with 7.0 seconds left in the game. He missed the first charity shot but made the second to cut the lead to one, 45-46.

Kagman inbounded the ball and made another error when Jeremy

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Kagman Ayuyus flash the No. 1 sign after clinching their first varsity title in the MISO caging, following a 66-56 overtime win over Saipan Southern High School on Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. Inset, KHS principal Alfred Ada does the honor of cutting the net following the Ayuyus' title conquest.

## Camacho among nation's rising gridiron stars

Even at a young age, 15-year-old Joseph Duenas Camacho Jr. never ceases to strive hard and make it big with the sport that he loves the most—football.

Towering at 6'2", Camacho continues to reap success as a high school varsity football player, making him one of Texas' top student-athletes and one of the nation's rising stars in the gridiron.

The son of Sergeant Major Joseph Duenas and Jackie Torres Camacho of Saipan, Joe Boy—as he is fondly called by family and colleagues—earned the much-sought recognition from MaxPreps, America's main source for high school sports.

The California-based publication, a subsidiary of CBS News Corp., ranked him 11th for the state of Texas and 93rd nation-wide. There are over 500 rising and would-be high school football players in Texas and

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Joseph Duenas Camacho Jr. is ranked 11th for the state of Texas and 93rd nation-wide by MaxPreps, America's main source for high school sports.

## Nearly 600 set to join tomorrow's Saipan Marathon

Nearly 600 runners beat last week's deadline to sign up for the Saipan Marathon set for tomorrow along the island's spine.

Runner attendance is mandatory at the race orientation today, March 5, 4pm at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater in Garapan, where race bibs will be distributed and a carbo-loading dinner will be served.

Saipan's premiere running event kicks off three straight weekends of sporting events in the Northern Mariana Islands aimed at attracting visitors and international media attention to the island resort destination.

The XTERRA Saipan Championship follows on March 13 and the Tagaman Triathlon on March 20.

A participant crosses the finish line at the American Memorial Park during last year's Saipan Marathon.

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Like previous editions, the 2010 Saipan Marathon includes a full marathon (26.2 miles/42.195 kilometers), a half marathon (13.1 miles/21.1km), and a fun run of 10km (6.2 miles). Each run includes seven age divisions: 14 & under, 15- 19, 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; and 60-and-up.

This year, 593 participants have registered for the Northern Marianas' signature event. Last year over 600 runners from Japan, Korea, Guam and the Northern Marianas joined.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority and our sponsors are looking forward to putting on another rewarding marathon for runners this year," said MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio. "Aside from off-island competitors, there are also at least two international media outlets covering this year's event, which translates to more media promotions for the Northern Marianas."

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## Hardball

We didn't call it baseball when I was growing up. We called it hardball. True, we used a baseball but hardball sounded better.

At first I thought that was just the way it was in Florida but then I talked to my friend Don Farrell who said that was what they too called it growing up in California. Perhaps it was a '60s thing.

In our world softball was for old men and church outings. Girls played softball. Boys played hardball except in P.E. class when we had no choice and no one cared about what we wanted, only what they wanted. No one I knew even owned a softball. Or if they did, they wouldn't admit it or show it to anyone.

Coach always told us not to play softball because it would mess up our ability to hit a baseball. We took that as the gospel truth. Also, catching a softball would destroy the pocket of your baseball glove. Simply put, there was no good reason to play softball as a kid.

In those times one had to work the mitt and it took months to get it just right. My grandfather taught me to take my new glove, rub

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## OFF THE BENCH

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